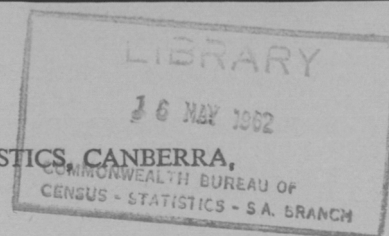


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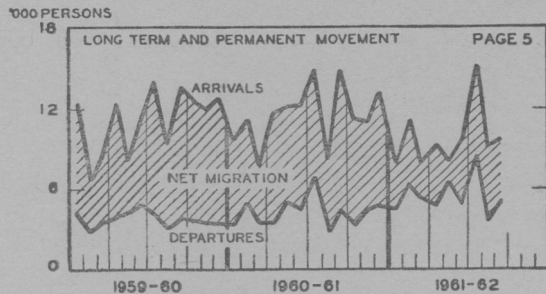
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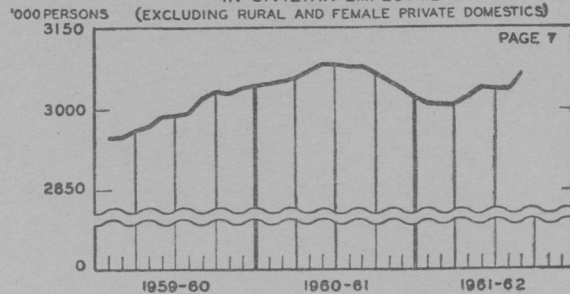
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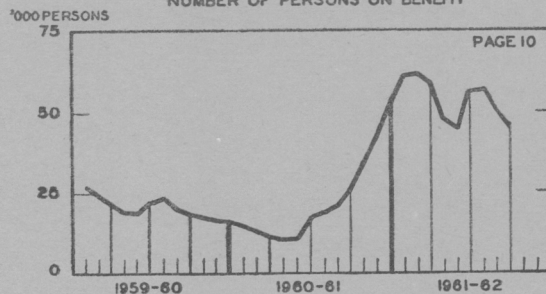


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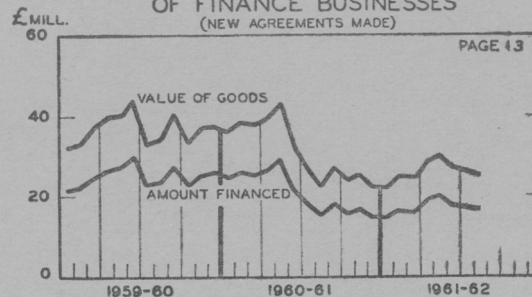
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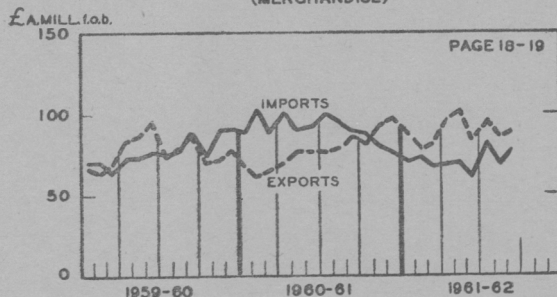
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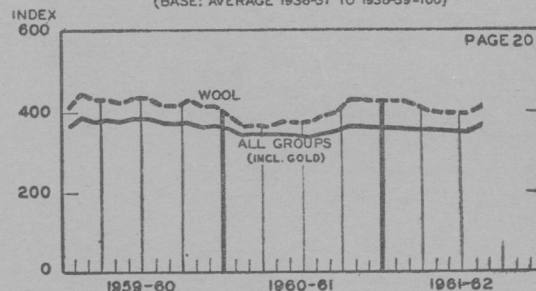


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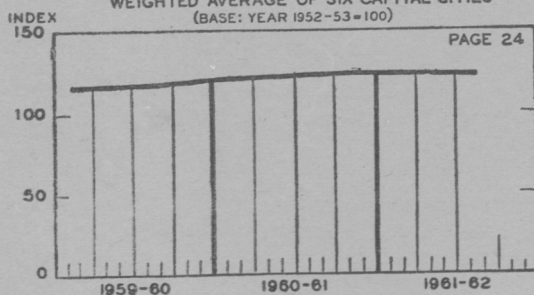


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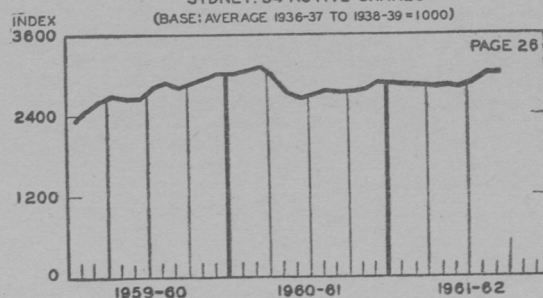
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (excl. Rural and Female Private Domestic). (a)		Number of Persons on Unemployment Benefit.	Average Weekly Wage Earnings (c) Index (Base: 1953-54=100).	Internal Trade—Retail Sales. (d)	Oversea Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		International Reserves. (e)	Building Approvals. (f)	New Houses and Flats Commenced. (g)
	Employed in Factories. (b)	Total Civilian Employment.				Imports.	Exports.			
	'000	'000.			£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	No.
Monthly Average—								(h)		
1936-37 ..	499	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	12.3	92.9	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	536	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.6	11.7	85.2	n.a.	n.a.
1938-39 ..	542	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.4	10.1	60.7	n.a.	n.a.
1954-55 ..	989	2,758	3,690	105.4	502.1	70.1	63.2	428.3	33.3	19,309
1955-56 ..	1,019	2,836	4,014	112.2	537.7	68.2	64.2	355.0	36.1	18,155
1956-57 ..	1,021	2,861	12,666	118.2	562.0	59.7	81.1	566.5	32.8	17,364
1957-58 ..	1,033	2,880	23,900	121.3	585.5	65.8	67.5	525.4	37.1	18,337
1958-59 ..	1,046	2,917	27,311	124.5	613.4	66.2	67.2	516.4	41.3	20,422
1959-60 ..	1,088	3,000	20,706	133.6	672.9	77.1	77.2	512.0	50.3	22,836
1960-61 ..	1,104	3,064	23,038	140.6	706.7	90.5	77.4	550.8	50.2	22,222
Monthly Total—										
1959-60—	(i)		(j)					(h)		
January ..	1,086	2,996	23,781	135.5	645.7	75.3	73.0	538.4	36.3	22,569
February ..	1,098	3,021	20,020			78.3	79.1	541.1	43.5	
March ..	1,106	3,036	18,042			88.0	87.9	547.2	59.9	
April ..	1,103	3,032	17,732	138.5	683.1	72.6	70.2	540.5	47.4	24,957
May ..	1,108	3,042	16,765			90.8	71.4	543.8	60.6	
June ..	1,111	3,047	16,541			90.6	78.3	512.0	58.7	
1960-61—						p	p			
July ..	1,114	3,050	14,897	138.4	685.8	89.0	66.5	482.6	58.9	25,638
August ..	1,116	3,055	13,331			103.1	61.1	441.9	59.1	
September ..	1,121	3,063	11,783			87.9	64.5	424.0	61.3	
October ..	1,123	3,072	10,364	141.5	785.2	100.0	68.7	413.3	59.5	23,926
November ..	1,124	3,087	10,660			89.6	76.8	398.0	61.3	
December ..	1,117	3,088	17,633			91.6	77.1	376.3	44.2	
January ..	1,115	3,083	19,257	141.4	668.2	99.8	76.5	374.5	34.6	20,136
February ..	1,108	3,084	20,941			94.8	79.1	373.6	41.3	
March ..	1,096	3,070	25,646			89.4	86.4	388.1	43.6	
April ..	1,083	3,054	35,025	141.2	{ 220.8 239.7 227.0	86.8	81.4	416.5	33.2	19,189
May ..	1,070	3,040	42,667			78.9	92.3	531.1	53.1	
June ..	1,056	3,022	54,254			74.6	97.3	550.8	51.9	
1961-62—										
July ..	1,049	3,010	61,499	141.9	{ 225.5 228.1 r232.9	69.8	86.1	574.6	43.7	21,547
August ..	1,048	3,007	62,066			73.0	77.8	571.1	54.6	
September ..	1,047	3,005	59,561			67.1	81.7	573.4	53.2	
October ..	1,064	3,022	48,531	144.9	{ r233.9 r243.1 r307.0	68.7	96.6	578.0	49.7	19,172
November ..	1,071	3,040	45,545			70.0	101.7	587.0	54.2	
December ..	1,066	3,037	56,756			61.8	83.6	601.7	40.0	
January ..	1,075	3,039	r57,105		{ 235.8 221.4 238.0	82.1	95.8	596.1	38.6	p20,207
February ..	1,088	3,065	50,112			69.2	r86.3	607.7	44.8	
March ..			45,870			77.7	89.8	537.6	54.3	

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1960, represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1960, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. (c) All industries: seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment, plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly and monthly total sales. Excludes the Aus. Cap. Territory and Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) Source: Reserve Bank. See Commonwealth Bank Statistical Bulletin, Banking Supplement, May, 1954, for a description of this series. (f) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. (g) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (h) Annual and December figures as at end of period; other figures last Wednesday of month. (i) At end of month. (j) Last Saturday of month.

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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Wool Prices Index, Sydney (a)	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingot Steel. (b)	New Motor Vehicles Registered (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks.(e)		Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
					Motor Cars and Station Wagons. (c)	Other Motor Vehicles. (d)		Deposits.	Advances.	
Monthly Average—	Pence per lb.	'000 tons.	Million kWh.	'000 tons. (f)	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
1936-37 ..	16.4	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	12.7	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	10.3	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1954-55 ..	70.1	1,613	1,267	184.1	13.6	5.6	6,069	1,310.7	776.8	492.1
1955-56 ..	60.7	1,586	1,398	193.4	13.5	5.6	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	522.0
1956-57 ..	77.9	1,643	1,524	231.2	12.3	4.8	7,519	1,328.0	762.6	563.3
1957-58 ..	62.1	1,697	1,650	253.1	13.8	5.1	8,065	1,391.3	774.3	592.7
1958-59 ..	47.5	1,705	1,767	267.0	14.7	5.5	8,622	1,376.3	807.0	637.4
1959-60 ..	56.3	1,769	1,929	293.3	18.7	5.8	10,136	1,453.1	818.3	747.4
1960-61 ..	51.5	1,915	2,089	311.4	18.6	4.9	11,347	1,457.5	902.5	803.8
Monthly Total—										
1959-60—										
January ..	58.0	1,300	1,721	285.2	14.1	4.1	9,309	1,484.7	798.4	658.9
February ..	55.0	1,722	1,752	275.2	18.2	5.0	9,894	1,505.0	795.4	739.3
March ..	55.0	1,980	1,914	297.4	21.0	6.0	11,711	1,517.5	800.4	783.8
April ..	57.0	1,673	1,857	294.4	18.1	5.0	9,620	1,492.7	837.8	754.3
May ..	55.0	1,958	2,159	314.7	20.2	5.9	11,020	1,463.0	863.0	819.8
June ..	55.0	1,971	2,195	305.1	19.9	5.8	12,616	1,460.0	875.4	821.4
1960-61—										
July ..	52.0	1,974	2,312	309.3	20.4	5.6	9,931	1,438.1	913.0	835.0
August ..	48.0	2,211	2,303	332.2	22.5	6.3	11,457	1,432.5	918.8	805.5
September ..	48.5	2,057	2,121	309.7	22.5	5.8	11,036	1,426.2	929.5	797.4
October ..	48.0	1,970	2,081	315.2	24.3	5.5	11,125	1,448.3	942.4	831.6
November ..	50.0	2,079	2,030	312.6	26.1	5.8	11,273	1,460.6	940.8	846.0
December ..	49.5	1,674	1,946	336.3	17.6	4.8	12,196	1,458.2	930.8	856.5
January ..	50.0	1,001	1,873	256.5	12.7	3.6	10,548	1,467.1	905.1	742.8
February ..	52.0	1,953	1,859	281.6	12.9	4.1	10,681	1,495.8	881.0	768.8
March ..	53.0	2,184	2,048	325.3	19.0	4.7	12,191	1,501.7	866.4	795.8
April ..	57.0	1,437	1,949	320.8	14.8	4.1	10,905	1,480.6	873.0	757.1
May ..	57.0	2,291	2,285	332.3	16.3	4.7	12,009	1,445.4	866.1	815.2
June ..	56.0	2,148	2,266	330.6	14.2	4.2	12,813	1,432.8	874.2	781.7
1961-62—										
July ..	56.0	r2,238	2,408	351.7	13.6	3.8	10,477	1,420.4	884.7	820.1
August ..	56.0	r2,384	2,388	338.0	16.1	3.9	11,776	1,424.8	865.8	729.7
September ..	55.0	r2,177	2,156	339.2	15.7	3.8	11,159	1,437.8	856.0	789.0
October ..	53.0	2,301	2,132	337.6	17.8	4.4	11,876	1,470.7	861.5	833.2
November ..	52.0	2,269	2,094	311.4	18.4	4.4	11,516	1,492.7	852.8	815.6
December ..	52.0	1,645	2,002	347.7	16.6	4.0	11,364	1,523.0	844.9	881.5
January ..	52.0	r1,203	2,018	338.6	15.8	3.8	11,506	1,558.0	825.5	748.2
February ..	55.0	2,058	1,980	308.2	18.0	4.2	11,650	1,588.1	816.3	856.0
March ..	p56.0		2,182	345.4	21.2	5.1	12,633	1,589.9	822.5	834.3

(a) Average price which a New South Wales clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of greasy wool sold in month in New South Wales. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Includes ambulances and hearses prior to 1955-56. (d) Excludes motor cycles; includes ambulances and hearses subsequent to 1954-55. (e) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (f) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

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POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)(d)	Population at end of Period.(d)
Quarterly Average—							
1951-52	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	53,671	8,636,458
1952-53	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	44,726	8,815,362
1953-54	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	42,792	8,986,530
1954-55	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,300	9,199,729
1955-56	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,458	9,425,563
1956-57	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,644	9,640,138
1957-58	18,511	55,265	21,150	34,115	16,650	50,549	9,842,333
1958-59	18,458	56,495	22,013	34,482	19,289	53,537	10,056,479
1959-60	18,859	57,157	22,056	35,101	19,779	54,635	10,275,020
1960-61	19,091	59,459	22,199	37,260	21,297	58,293	10,508,191
Quarterly Total—							
1958-59—							
December Qtr. ..	20,287	55,231	20,253	34,978	20,114	54,854	9,947,358
March „ ..	18,726	54,289	19,104	35,185	21,862	56,795	10,004,153
June „ ..	19,249	58,883	23,867	35,016	17,541	52,326	10,056,479
1959-60—							
September „ ..	15,927	58,071	25,513	32,558	17,504	49,843	10,106,322
December „ ..	20,461	55,733	20,728	35,005	19,884	54,646	10,160,968
March „ ..	19,173	55,810	20,192	35,618	25,598	60,939	10,221,907
June „ ..	19,875	59,013	21,792	37,221	16,132	53,113	10,275,020
1960-61—							
September „ ..	15,995	59,218	26,498	32,720	18,571	51,061	10,326,081
December „ ..	20,385	56,285	19,982	36,303	29,834	65,839	10,391,920
March „ ..	19,940	61,118	20,331	40,787	22,527	63,025	10,454,945
June „ ..	20,042	61,214	21,983	39,231	14,258	53,246	10,508,191
1961-62—							
September „ ..	16,063	60,316	26,001	34,315	9,770	44,085	10,552,276
December „ ..	20,641	57,338	20,646	36,692	14,968	51,660	10,603,936

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase, net overseas migration and adjustments of population, on the basis of Census results. (d) The figures of Total Increase and Population have been revised in accordance with the preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1961. These figures will be further revised when the final results of the Census become available. See also Note for table below. (e) Census 30th June. Figure for June, 1961, is preliminary and subject to revision.

POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—The estimated population at 31st December, 1961, for each State represents the population ascertained from the preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1961, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State for the period 1st July, 1961, to 31st December, 1961. When final Census figures become available the estimate at 31st December, 1961, will be revised accordingly. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations since 30th June, 1961, are approximate. Estimates shown below for the intercensal period 1st July, 1954, to 31st March, 1961, have been revised in accordance with preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1961. For some States such revisions were substantial.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1952 ..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360	8,636,458
1953 ..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954 (a) ..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955 (b) ..	3,490,749	2,517,229	1,350,017	819,567	657,115	314,092	18,210	32,750	9,199,729
1956 (b) ..	3,554,257	2,593,468	1,381,591	848,557	674,529	318,470	19,556	35,135	9,425,563
1957 (b) ..	3,624,969	2,656,257	1,413,085	873,166	687,605	326,130	21,061	37,865	9,640,138
1958 (b) ..	3,691,954	2,718,482	1,439,199	896,803	699,565	333,066	22,097	41,167	9,842,333
1959 (b) ..	3,759,834	2,785,905	1,468,237	920,898	712,070	339,376	24,089	46,070	10,056,479
1960 (b) ..	3,832,453	2,857,389	1,495,927	945,320	722,080	343,910	25,573	52,368	10,275,020
1961 (c) ..	3,916,907	2,930,244	1,518,859	969,258	736,624	350,332	27,139	58,828	10,508,191
31st December—									
1961 (d) ..	3,953,636	2,949,848	1,522,329	979,726	746,169	364,126	26,011	62,091	10,603,936

(a) Census. (b) Revised figures based on the preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1961. These figures will be further revised when the final results of the Census become available. (c) Interim figures derived from the preliminary check of the Census Schedules and subject to amendment on completion of tabulation. (d) See NOTE above.

OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

" Long term and permanent movement " relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. " Short term movement " relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Short Term Movement.				Long Term and Permanent Movement.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals.
	Returning.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
Monthly Average—							
1951-52	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	8,746
1952-53	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	5,274
1953-54	3,648	3,556	3,953	3,906	7,206	2,924	4,282
1954-55	4,107	4,013	4,277	4,220	10,348	2,877	7,471
1955-56	4,719	4,469	4,608	4,515	11,052	3,159	7,893
1956-57	4,604	4,162	5,532	5,617	10,050	3,209	6,841
1957-58	4,844	4,714	4,922	4,964	8,998	3,536	5,462
1958-59	4,999	4,933	5,361	5,481	9,725	3,242	6,483
1959-60	5,527	6,113	6,332	6,516	11,140	3,777	7,363
1960-61	6,821	6,847	7,731	7,830	11,540	4,316	7,224
Monthly Total—							
1959-60—							
February	5,243	5,328	7,146	6,424	9,396	3,074	6,322
March	5,655	8,318	8,122	7,886	13,672	3,827	9,845
April	4,910	9,372	6,490	7,434	12,557	3,600	8,957
May	4,774	7,451	6,172	7,066	11,980	3,512	8,468
June	5,564	6,804	5,896	6,437	12,907	3,442	9,465
1960-61—							
July	4,815	5,034	5,871	5,620	9,665	3,406	6,259
August	6,186	6,069	6,607	7,076	11,333	4,951	6,382
September	6,818	4,417	5,950	6,524	7,780	3,357	4,423
October	9,216	5,375	7,923	6,946	11,809	3,545	8,264
November	8,305	5,125	7,626	8,095	12,076	5,117	6,959
December	6,832	9,585	10,124	7,831	12,174	4,632	7,542
January	9,660	7,445	8,454	10,026	14,752	6,754	7,998
February	6,769	6,468	8,331	8,055	8,276	2,881	5,395
March	5,844	8,874	9,542	9,045	14,933	4,486	10,447
April	5,897	8,351	7,992	8,702	11,327	3,350	7,977
May	5,515	8,794	7,027	8,496	11,124	4,500	6,624
June	5,998	6,625	7,320	7,540	13,232	4,816	8,416
1961-62—							
July	4,778	5,902	6,504	7,368	7,933	4,630	3,303
August	7,121	6,720	7,598	8,259	10,998	6,267	4,731
September	8,458	5,996	7,513	8,772	8,043	5,262	2,781
October	9,187	5,936	8,801	8,249	9,301	4,778	4,523
November	8,870	7,153	8,348	8,987	8,080	6,442	1,638
December	8,111	11,616	11,866	9,041	9,587	4,981	4,606
January	10,332	8,169	8,531	11,324	15,105	8,384	6,721
February	r8,135	r6,631	r9,755	r8,712	r8,989	r3,653	r5,336
March p	6,883	8,525	9,654	10,404	9,578	4,449	5,129

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

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Month.	Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.								Total Civilian Employees.		
	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (b)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Wholesale Trade, etc.; Finance, Property.	Public Authority (n.e.i.); Community Services, etc.(c)	Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service.	Private Employers.	Government Authorities.(d)	Total.
MALES.											
1957—June ..	56.3	780.2	207.4	313.0	129.6	214.0	220.8	74.0	1,475.9	609.5	2,085.4
1958—June ..	51.6	791.1	202.4	311.8	132.7	216.3	226.1	74.2	1,476.1	621.8	2,097.9
1959—June ..	49.1	805.6	205.2	312.6	133.6	221.5	233.2	73.7	1,493.7	633.9	2,127.6
1960—June ..	49.3	840.9	206.6	312.0	137.3	231.1	240.6	75.3	1,554.4	633.3	2,187.7
1961—June ..	48.6	810.4	205.3	316.4	135.3	235.7	250.0	75.5	1,522.9	649.9	2,172.8
1960-61—Jan. ..	48.2	845.2	207.7	313.5	140.1	239.2	244.5	77.2	1,576.1	634.9	2,211.0
Feb. ..	48.8	838.4	208.7	314.0	138.7	239.4	246.5	76.8	1,569.2	637.7	2,206.9
Mar. ..	49.0	830.3	206.6	315.6	137.8	238.9	247.3	77.1	1,557.3	641.1	2,198.4
April ..	48.6	824.8	205.9	316.6	136.8	238.0	248.3	76.4	1,547.0	644.0	2,191.0
May ..	48.8	818.4	206.7	316.3	136.3	236.8	249.3	76.0	1,536.1	648.0	2,184.1
June ..	48.6	810.4	205.3	316.4	135.3	235.7	250.0	75.5	1,522.9	649.9	2,172.8
1961-62—July ..	48.5	806.6	203.2	315.5	135.3	234.1	250.7	75.1	1,514.7	650.0	2,164.7
Aug. ..	48.3	804.3	201.9	314.3	135.1	234.7	251.3	75.7	1,510.7	650.6	2,161.3
Sept. ..	45.8	800.6	200.6	313.6	135.8	235.9	251.6	76.2	1,506.0	649.6	2,155.6
Oct. ..	44.8	813.2	198.7	311.9	136.5	236.4	252.3	75.8	1,515.8	649.4	2,165.2
Nov. ..	47.3	816.2	197.4	311.6	139.4	238.1	252.7	76.2	1,524.8	649.7	2,174.5
Dec. ..	47.3	812.6	195.5	311.0	141.9	237.6	253.3	77.6	1,523.0	649.2	2,172.2
Jan. ..	47.3	818.4	195.4	310.4	138.3	237.9	255.0	77.1	1,525.0	651.1	2,176.1
Feb. ..	47.2	825.2	198.9	311.8	137.8	238.7	257.1	76.8	1,533.4	657.1	2,190.5
FEMALES.											
1957—June ..	1.2	242.9	5.3	40.1	121.6	90.3	192.2	78.9	647.4	132.8	780.2
1958—June ..	1.1	244.0	5.5	39.9	125.6	92.3	198.4	77.8	655.9	136.6	792.5
1959—June ..	1.1	248.9	5.6	40.3	126.5	95.3	209.9	77.3	669.1	143.9	813.0
1960—June ..	1.1	270.4	6.0	40.9	133.1	101.5	220.0	78.3	709.4	150.2	859.6
1961—June ..	1.2	246.0	6.3	41.5	133.5	104.3	230.9	76.8	691.4	157.6	849.0
1960-61—Jan. ..	1.2	270.0	6.2	41.9	139.5	104.6	220.9	78.9	720.5	151.3	871.8
Feb. ..	1.2	269.6	6.3	42.2	137.7	106.1	226.4	78.6	721.0	155.7	876.7
Mar. ..	1.2	265.7	6.3	42.1	136.2	106.2	227.5	78.3	715.8	156.2	872.0
April ..	1.2	258.2	6.3	41.9	134.5	105.5	228.5	78.1	705.9	156.8	862.7
May ..	1.2	251.5	6.3	41.8	134.7	104.8	229.5	77.6	698.9	157.1	856.0
June ..	1.2	246.0	6.3	41.5	133.5	104.3	230.9	76.8	691.4	157.6	849.0
1961-62—July ..	1.2	242.4	6.3	41.1	132.7	103.9	232.5	76.3	686.2	158.8	845.0
Aug. ..	1.2	243.4	6.3	41.1	132.9	103.7	232.6	76.3	687.5	158.6	846.1
Sept. ..	1.2	246.2	6.3	40.8	133.3	103.3	232.9	76.7	691.0	158.3	849.3
Oct. ..	1.2	251.2	6.2	40.8	134.9	103.5	233.2	76.7	698.0	158.3	856.3
Nov. ..	1.2	254.3	6.2	40.8	141.2	103.6	233.3	76.7	707.6	158.3	865.9
Dec. ..	1.2	253.7	6.2	40.9	142.1	103.5	231.0	78.0	708.2	157.0	865.2
Jan. ..	1.2	256.8	6.2	41.1	r135.6	104.6	231.5	77.5	r705.5	157.8	r863.3
Feb. ..	1.2	262.7	6.3	41.1	134.9	105.7	237.1	77.1	712.7	162.2	874.9

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)—continued.

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Month.	Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.								Total Civilian Employees.		
	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (b)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Wholesale Trade, etc.; Finance, Property.	Public Authority (n.e.i.); Community Services, etc.(c)	Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service.	Private Employers.	Government Authorities. (d)	Total.
PERSONS.											
1952—June ..	59.7	902.0	218.2	339.4	237.4	264.1	364.7	148.8	1,935.0	693.7	2,628.7
1953—June ..	58.9	913.0	197.5	331.3	234.9	262.5	368.6	144.3	1,924.5	679.8	2,604.3
1954—June ..	59.7	970.0	210.4	336.6	243.7	275.3	374.1	146.0	2,014.1	695.9	2,710.0
1955—June ..	59.4	1,002.0	216.7	347.1	251.0	290.2	387.0	151.2	2,079.7	721.9	2,801.6
1956—June ..	58.5	1,020.5	219.7	350.5	253.0	300.8	401.5	152.1	2,120.9	734.7	2,855.6
1957—June ..	57.5	1,023.1	212.7	353.1	251.2	304.3	413.0	152.9	2,123.3	742.3	2,865.6
1958—June ..	52.7	1,035.1	207.9	351.7	258.3	308.6	424.5	152.0	2,132.0	758.4	2,890.4
1959—June ..	50.2	1,054.5	210.8	352.9	260.1	316.8	443.1	151.0	2,162.8	777.8	2,940.6
1960—June ..	50.4	1,111.3	212.6	352.9	270.4	332.6	460.6	153.6	2,263.8	783.5	3,047.3
1961—June ..	49.8	1,056.4	211.6	357.9	268.8	340.0	480.9	152.3	2,214.3	807.5	3,021.8
1959-60—Jan. ..	50.4	1,085.6	208.6	353.3	267.5	327.1	445.7	155.5	2,221.4	775.0	2,996.4
Feb. ..	50.4	1,098.3	210.3	353.1	267.2	329.9	454.4	154.6	2,238.2	782.8	3,021.0
Mar. ..	50.4	1,105.7	211.7	353.4	267.4	332.0	457.2	154.6	2,251.0	784.5	3,035.5
April ..	50.3	1,103.1	210.9	352.6	267.7	331.3	458.3	154.7	2,247.7	784.3	3,032.0
May ..	50.4	1,108.3	211.3	352.5	271.3	331.6	459.7	153.9	2,258.0	783.9	3,041.9
June ..	50.4	1,111.3	212.6	352.9	270.4	332.6	460.6	153.6	2,263.8	783.5	3,047.3
1960-61—July ..	50.6	1,113.9	212.7	352.8	270.9	331.5	461.1	153.4	2,267.6	782.4	3,050.0
Aug. ..	50.6	1,116.2	212.4	352.1	271.9	333.0	462.1	154.0	2,274.3	781.0	3,055.3
Sept. ..	50.4	1,121.0	211.9	351.3	273.6	334.4	462.3	154.9	2,283.0	779.6	3,062.6
Oct. ..	50.5	1,123.4	212.6	352.1	276.0	336.1	463.2	155.1	2,292.4	779.5	3,071.9
Nov. ..	50.3	1,124.0	214.6	351.6	284.4	339.0	464.2	155.9	2,306.0	781.0	3,087.0
Dec. ..	50.3	1,117.3	212.6	353.4	289.0	340.8	463.6	157.5	2,305.4	782.1	3,087.5
Jan. ..	49.4	1,115.2	213.9	355.4	279.6	343.8	465.4	156.1	2,296.6	786.2	3,082.8
Feb. ..	50.0	1,108.0	215.0	356.2	276.4	345.5	472.9	155.4	2,290.2	793.4	3,083.6
Mar. ..	50.2	1,096.0	212.9	357.7	274.0	345.1	474.8	155.4	2,273.1	797.3	3,070.4
April ..	49.8	1,083.0	212.2	358.5	271.3	343.5	476.8	154.5	2,252.9	800.8	3,053.7
May ..	50.0	1,069.9	213.0	358.1	271.0	341.6	478.8	153.6	2,235.0	805.1	3,040.1
June ..	49.8	1,056.4	211.6	357.9	268.8	340.0	480.9	152.3	2,214.3	807.5	3,021.8
1961-62—July ..	49.7	1,049.0	209.5	356.6	268.0	338.0	483.2	151.4	2,200.9	808.8	3,009.7
Aug. ..	49.5	1,047.7	208.2	355.4	268.0	338.4	483.9	152.0	2,198.2	809.2	3,007.4
Sept. ..	47.0	1,046.8	206.9	354.4	269.1	339.2	484.5	152.9	2,197.0	807.9	3,004.9
Oct. ..	46.0	1,064.4	204.9	352.7	271.4	339.9	485.5	152.5	2,213.8	807.7	3,021.5
Nov. ..	48.5	1,070.5	203.6	352.4	280.6	341.7	486.0	152.9	2,232.4	808.0	3,040.4
Dec. ..	48.5	1,066.3	201.7	351.9	284.0	341.1	484.3	155.6	2,231.2	806.2	3,037.4
Jan. ..	48.5	1,075.2	201.6	351.5	r273.9	342.5	486.5	154.6	r2,230.5	808.9	r3,039.4
Feb. ..	48.4	1,087.9	205.2	352.9	272.7	344.4	494.2	153.9	2,246.1	819.3	3,065.4

(a) Excludes rural, female private domestics, permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas and, from June, 1952 to November, 1959, National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1960 represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1960 the figures are interim estimates derived from Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections and are based on June, 1960. These interim estimates are subject to revision when Factory Censuses for 1960-61 and ensuing years are tabulated. (c) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health Services, Education and other Community and Business Services. (d) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Government) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT. (a)

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Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.									
1959—June ..	819.0	603.4	287.8	192.0	140.0	67.6	5.9	11.9	2,127.6
1960—June ..	846.8	623.4	290.4	196.6	141.7	69.4	6.3	13.1	2,187.7
1960-61—January ..	861.6	635.4	282.9	198.8	142.7	69.8	6.2	13.6	2,211.0
February ..	859.9	633.2	283.6	197.2	143.2	69.9	6.2	13.7	2,206.9
March ..	855.7	631.0	281.8	196.8	142.9	70.1	6.3	13.8	2,198.4
April ..	850.6	628.3	282.3	196.6	143.1	70.0	6.3	13.8	2,191.0
May ..	847.1	623.8	284.7	196.3	142.7	69.4	6.4	13.7	2,184.1
June ..	844.2	618.2	284.4	195.3	142.1	68.7	6.4	13.5	2,172.8
1961-62—July ..	841.0	613.9	284.9	194.4	141.9	68.6	6.5	13.5	2,164.7
August ..	838.6	613.9	283.1	194.3	142.8	68.5	6.4	13.7	2,161.3
September ..	841.8	611.5	279.8	190.4	143.5	68.2	6.6	13.8	2,155.6
October ..	844.8	616.1	278.2	194.8	142.6	68.1	6.5	13.8	2,165.2
November ..	848.1	618.5	279.2	196.0	143.8	68.4	6.5	14.0	2,174.5
December ..	849.3	619.3	274.6	195.7	143.4	69.2	6.5	14.2	2,172.2
January ..	850.5	620.4	274.6	196.5	144.2	69.1	6.5	14.3	2,176.1
February ..	856.1	624.2	278.2	196.8	144.9	69.2	6.5	14.6	2,190.5
FEMALES.									
1959—June ..	320.4	252.8	97.9	65.9	47.0	23.3	1.4	4.3	813.0
1960—June ..	340.1	268.1	101.8	69.8	49.2	24.2	1.6	4.8	859.6
1960-61—January ..	346.1	272.3	101.8	71.1	50.0	23.9	1.6	5.0	871.8
February ..	346.7	275.9	101.8	70.7	50.4	24.4	1.6	5.2	876.7
March ..	344.1	274.0	101.0	70.9	50.4	24.7	1.6	5.3	872.0
April ..	339.8	270.0	100.8	70.2	50.5	24.4	1.7	5.3	862.7
May ..	338.6	265.0	100.7	70.0	50.3	24.4	1.7	5.3	856.0
June ..	336.2	262.0	100.3	69.6	49.7	24.1	1.8	5.3	849.0
1961-62—July ..	334.6	259.9	100.6	69.5	49.7	23.7	1.7	5.3	845.0
August ..	335.3	260.3	100.9	69.4	49.7	23.5	1.7	5.3	846.1
September ..	337.4	261.5	100.9	69.2	49.9	23.3	1.7	5.4	849.3
October ..	341.2	263.5	100.7	70.3	50.2	23.2	1.7	5.5	856.3
November ..	345.2	267.4	100.7	71.1	50.8	23.5	1.7	5.5	865.9
December ..	345.2	266.7	100.5	71.1	50.5	24.0	1.7	5.5	865.2
January ..	r342.6	267.7	100.0	71.9	50.3	23.6	1.7	5.5	r863.3
February ..	345.2	273.4	101.7	72.3	50.8	24.2	1.7	5.6	874.9
PERSONS.									
1959—June ..	1,139.4	856.2	385.7	257.9	187.0	90.9	7.3	16.2	2,940.6
1960—June ..	1,186.9	891.5	392.2	266.4	190.9	93.6	7.9	17.9	3,047.3
1960-61—January ..	1,207.7	907.7	384.7	269.9	192.7	93.7	7.8	18.6	3,082.8
February ..	1,206.6	909.1	385.4	267.9	193.6	94.3	7.8	18.9	3,083.6
March ..	1,199.8	905.0	382.8	267.7	193.3	94.8	7.9	19.1	3,070.4
April ..	1,190.4	898.3	383.1	266.8	193.6	94.4	8.0	19.1	3,053.7
May ..	1,185.7	888.8	385.4	266.3	193.0	93.8	8.1	19.0	3,040.1
June ..	1,180.4	880.2	384.7	264.9	191.8	92.8	8.2	18.8	3,021.8
1961-62—July ..	1,175.6	873.8	385.5	263.9	191.6	92.3	8.2	18.8	3,009.7
August ..	1,173.9	874.2	384.0	263.7	192.5	92.0	8.1	19.0	3,007.4
September ..	1,179.2	873.0	380.7	259.6	193.4	91.5	8.3	19.2	3,004.9
October ..	1,186.0	879.6	378.9	265.1	193.1	91.3	8.2	19.3	3,021.5
November ..	1,193.3	885.9	379.9	267.1	194.6	91.9	8.2	19.5	3,040.4
December ..	1,194.5	886.0	375.1	266.8	193.9	93.2	8.2	19.7	3,037.4
January ..	r1,193.1	888.1	374.6	268.4	194.5	92.7	8.2	19.8	r3,039.4
February ..	1,201.3	897.6	379.9	269.1	195.7	93.4	8.2	20.2	3,065.4

(a) Excludes rural, female private domestics, permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas and, for June, 1959, National Service trainees in camp. See notes on page 7.

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

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Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.		
								Males.	Females.	Persons.
1937—June	..	205.8	184.5	48.0	41.8	21.3	11.9	373.3	140.0	513.3
1938—June	..	219.6	193.8	50.6	41.5	22.1	12.5	391.6	148.5	540.1
1939—June	..	219.6	192.4	52.0	40.6	21.8	13.2	391.0	148.6	539.6
1955—June	..	408.1	336.5	97.9	87.4	47.3	24.8	763.5	238.5	1,002.0
1956—June	..	418.0	341.1	98.4	89.4	46.5	27.1	778.0	242.5	1,020.5
1957—June	..	422.5	340.1	99.9	88.4	45.8	26.4	780.2	242.9	1,023.1
1958—June	..	431.5	342.8	99.4	88.9	45.2	27.3	791.1	244.0	1,035.1
1959—June	..	436.9	351.7	100.9	92.2	45.3	27.5	805.6	248.9	1,054.5
1960—June	..	461.6	374.2	102.5	97.1	46.8	29.1	840.9	270.4	1,111.3
1961—June	..	440.7	351.2	98.9	91.1	46.3	28.2	810.4	246.0	1,056.4
1959-60—Nov.	..	450.7	366.3	97.7	94.5	46.6	28.0	821.3	262.5	1,083.8
Dec.	..	448.6	364.8	93.4	94.8	46.5	28.9	817.2	259.8	1,077.0
Jan.	..	450.5	368.1	94.9	96.0	46.4	29.7	824.8	260.8	1,085.6
Feb.	..	454.7	372.9	97.9	96.8	46.9	29.1	831.0	267.3	1,098.3
Mar.	..	457.4	376.1	98.5	97.6	47.1	29.0	835.4	270.3	1,105.7
Apr.	..	457.9	373.0	99.1	96.9	47.0	29.2	835.2	267.9	1,103.1
May	..	459.9	373.4	101.6	97.1	47.1	29.2	839.1	269.2	1,108.3
June	..	461.6	374.2	102.5	97.1	46.8	29.1	840.9	270.4	1,111.3
1960-61—July	..	462.4	375.0	103.6	97.1	47.0	28.8	842.8	271.1	1,113.9
Aug.	..	463.6	375.9	103.3	97.5	47.4	28.5	843.8	272.4	1,116.2
Sept.	..	466.2	378.0	102.8	97.9	47.8	28.3	846.8	274.2	1,121.0
Oct.	..	467.1	379.8	102.0	98.3	47.9	28.3	848.4	275.0	1,123.4
Nov.	..	468.4	381.0	100.1	98.1	48.0	28.4	848.4	275.6	1,124.0
Dec.	..	467.1	380.4	95.7	97.6	47.7	28.8	844.5	272.8	1,117.3
Jan.	..	464.2	379.4	96.5	98.3	47.8	29.0	845.2	270.0	1,115.2
Feb.	..	460.5	377.4	97.7	95.8	47.8	28.8	838.4	269.6	1,108.0
Mar.	..	455.4	372.4	96.8	94.9	47.3	29.2	830.3	265.7	1,096.0
Apr.	..	449.8	366.5	97.1	93.5	47.3	28.8	824.8	258.2	1,083.0
May	..	444.8	358.2	98.8	92.6	47.0	28.5	818.4	251.5	1,069.9
June	..	440.7	351.2	98.9	91.1	46.3	28.2	810.4	246.0	1,056.4
1961-62—July	..	436.7	347.6	100.5	90.3	46.1	27.8	806.6	242.4	1,049.0
Aug.	..	435.8	348.3	99.3	90.2	46.7	27.4	804.3	243.4	1,047.7
Sept.	..	439.8	347.8	98.5	86.3	47.2	27.2	800.6	246.2	1,046.8
Oct.	..	445.0	356.3	97.4	91.2	47.3	27.2	r813.2	r251.2	1,064.4
Nov.	..	446.6	360.1	96.1	92.4	47.6	27.7	816.2	254.3	1,070.5
Dec.	..	445.5	359.8	91.9	93.0	47.6	28.5	812.6	253.7	1,066.3
Jan.	..	447.2	363.9	92.7	94.8	48.0	28.6	818.4	256.8	1,075.2
Feb.	..	451.4	368.5	95.4	95.6	48.4	28.6	825.2	262.7	1,087.9

(a) Excludes National Service trainees in camp from June, 1955 to November, 1959. Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1960 represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1960, the figures are interim estimates derived from Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections and are based on June, 1960. These interim estimates are subject to revision when Factory Censuses for 1960-61 and ensuing years are tabulated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBERS OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period.	Unemployment.									Sickness.	Special.	
											Ordinary.	Migrant. <i>b</i>
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(c)(d)					
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Australia	Australia	Australia.
Monthly Average—												
1951–52 ..	(c) 949	220	1,374	(d) 24	64	16	1,966	681	2,647	6,454	993	(e)
1952–53 ..	c17,590	6,168	4,281	(d) 842	841	262	25,526	4,458	29,984	7,140	1,408	(f) 415
1953–54 ..	c 6,495	2,698	3,169	(d) 252	406	212	10,680	2,552	13,232	7,994	1,868	426
1954–55 ..	1,440	538	1,408	66	153	81	2,623	1,067	3,690	7,984	1,983	484
1955–56 ..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	3,066	948	4,014	7,303	1,973	464
1956–57 ..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	10,355	2,311	12,666	6,992	2,012	823
1957–58 ..	8,706	5,127	5,588	1,566	2,360	512	18,978	4,922	23,900	7,314	2,107	611
1958–59 ..	11,588	5,743	4,883	1,603	2,838	611	20,204	7,107	27,311	8,241	2,147	463
1959–60 ..	7,718	4,267	4,442	1,227	2,460	561	14,713	5,993	20,706	8,722	2,290	344
1960–61 ..	7,332	4,884	6,263	1,732	2,200	576	17,243	5,795	23,038	8,505	2,397	437
Last Saturday of Month—												
1959–60—												
February ..	6,568	3,263	6,472	988	2,325	371	14,522	5,498	20,020	8,458	2,403	118
March ..	6,011	3,254	5,356	1,034	2,073	286	12,562	5,480	18,042	8,842	2,410	388
April ..	6,058	3,588	4,306	1,324	2,084	352	12,252	5,480	17,732	8,346	2,379	661
May ..	5,719	3,768	3,382	1,375	2,075	424	11,475	5,290	16,765	8,693	2,275	87
June ..	5,605	3,676	3,064	1,380	2,293	500	11,399	5,142	16,541	8,569	2,258	53
1960–61—												
July ..	5,175	3,531	1,843	1,413	2,322	587	10,078	4,819	14,897	8,898	2,311	97
August ..	4,461	3,052	2,059	1,177	1,977	590	8,947	4,384	13,331	9,134	2,300	127
September ..	3,837	2,584	2,140	1,033	1,573	596	7,924	3,859	11,783	8,974	2,262	61
October ..	3,177	2,009	2,468	809	1,425	452	6,840	3,524	10,364	8,987	2,365	249
November ..	3,073	1,797	3,393	730	1,273	367	7,236	3,424	10,660	8,877	2,451	66
December ..	4,659	2,116	7,751	875	1,890	319	13,647	3,986	17,633	8,216	2,447	193
January ..	5,166	2,169	8,510	942	2,147	291	14,985	4,272	19,257	7,758	2,436	433
February ..	5,375	2,341	9,045	1,494	2,328	323	15,854	5,087	20,941	8,166	2,463	95
March ..	6,809	4,192	9,603	2,068	2,536	366	19,558	6,088	25,646	8,154	2,485	334
April ..	11,539	7,537	9,528	2,933	2,717	689	26,609	8,416	35,025	8,111	2,498	1,104
May ..	15,131	11,190	9,187	3,267	2,793	998	32,763	9,904	42,667	8,251	2,385	1,363
June ..	19,574	16,089	9,632	4,042	3,417	1,336	42,479	11,775	54,254	8,536	2,356	1,116
1961–62—												
July ..	23,198	19,798	7,781	4,948	3,762	1,814	48,057	13,442	61,499	9,016	2,279	1,677
August ..	23,988	20,302	7,312	4,848	3,473	2,023	48,890	13,176	62,066	9,278	2,263	1,383
September ..	21,027	19,380	7,637	6,273	2,963	2,182	47,603	11,958	59,561	9,067	2,295	953
October ..	17,619	14,738	7,951	3,623	2,843	1,673	37,675	10,856	48,531	9,369	2,289	449
November ..	16,324	13,130	8,754	3,278	2,376	1,575	34,993	10,552	45,545	9,299	2,265	233
December ..	20,311	13,356	14,654	3,695	3,187	1,398	45,024	11,732	56,756	8,829	2,375	208
January ..	19,836	r13,680	15,262	3,587	3,197	1,385	44,976	r12,129	r57,105	8,859	2,394	251
February ..	17,917	11,416	13,793	2,844	2,811	1,225	37,556	12,556	50,112	9,288	2,383	74
March ..	16,528	11,062	12,142	2,599	2,544	913	33,075	12,795	45,870	9,769	2,432	159

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services. (b) In reception and training centres. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory. (e) Not available. (f) Eight months only.
For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

(Figures from 1952-53 inclusive are on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census.)

The figures in the table below relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Hotels, garages and service stations are also included in respect of goods sold, but establishments such as clubs and guest houses are entirely excluded. Figures for the years 1952-53 and 1956-57 are derived from censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas other figures are estimates made by means of sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries. (b)	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (c)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing and Drapery.	Footwear.	Hardware. (d)	Electrical Goods. (e)	Furniture.	Chemists' Goods.	News-papers, Books and Stationery.	Other Goods. (f)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.).	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(g)
Quarterly Average—														
1952-53 ..	65.3	31.9	51.6	43.3	76.5	12.2	28.0	19.0	18.2	12.7	13.3	52.7	424.7	104.9
1953-54 ..	68.7	33.5	55.9	46.7	96.9		30.7	22.8	20.2	84.1			459.5	123.5
1954-55 ..	75.5	36.7	61.6	51.1	104.8		33.9	24.8	21.6	92.1			502.1	142.9
1955-56 ..	82.2	39.7	67.3	55.5	108.3		36.0	26.1	23.0	99.6			537.7	153.3
1956-57 ..	86.0	42.5	70.7	59.4	95.2	14.8	36.1	28.3	23.1	19.2	17.3	69.4	562.0	157.9
1957-58 ..	89.6	42.7	73.6	62.0	112.8		36.3	34.4	24.4	109.7			585.5	171.2
1958-59 ..	94.3	44.7	78.5	61.3	101.2	16.2	39.4	39.9	25.0	23.8	18.7	70.4	613.4	186.2
1959-60 ..	101.0	48.4	85.9	64.9	111.0	18.2	42.3	48.8	29.2	26.4	20.3	76.5	672.9	223.7
1960-61 pr ..	108.6	52.8	90.8	66.2	115.9	19.2	43.2	46.7	29.8	29.3	21.3	81.6	705.4	223.9
Quarterly Total—														
1958-59—														
Dec. Qtr. . .	99.0	44.6	81.7	67.1	117.6	18.7	44.9	45.9	28.1	25.6	21.3	80.6	675.1	195.5
Mar. „ . .	92.1	43.6	82.1	64.1	82.8	14.1	36.7	36.4	22.0	22.6	18.5	64.7	579.7	177.6
June „ . .	94.5	46.5	76.6	57.8	108.6	17.0	38.3	38.1	24.9	24.8	17.9	68.6	613.6	190.6
1959-60—														
Sept. „ . .	97.3	47.8	80.3	59.0	101.8	16.7	39.6	44.1	27.8	24.5	18.5	70.1	627.5	204.8
Dec. „ . .	105.3	47.5	90.5	70.7	127.5	20.7	48.0	54.5	32.8	28.4	22.9	86.4	735.2	236.6
Mar. „ . .	99.5	47.6	87.3	68.1	94.0	15.7	40.3	47.6	26.9	25.6	20.6	72.5	645.7	220.2
June r „ . .	101.8	50.6	85.5	61.7	120.9	19.5	41.2	48.9	29.5	26.9	19.3	77.1	682.9	233.3
1960-61 pr—														
Sept. „ . .	105.3	53.1	87.5	61.2	110.2	18.5	42.6	47.9	31.9	27.8	20.1	78.9	685.0	249.5
Dec. „ . .	114.6	53.0	96.0	73.5	135.3	22.1	49.9	53.3	34.9	32.2	24.4	94.9	784.1	248.6
Mar. „ . .	106.1	51.2	92.3	69.1	96.1	16.5	40.4	43.7	26.0	28.2	21.0	76.1	666.7	196.4
June „ . .	108.2	53.7	87.3	61.0	121.9	19.8	39.9	42.0	26.5	29.2	19.8	76.3	685.6	201.1
1961-62 pr—														
Sept. „ . .	112.5	53.5	90.7	60.9	108.6	18.5	41.0	42.2	28.9	30.0	20.7	77.3	684.8	202.1
Dec., „ . .	118.7	52.8	98.6	73.7	133.0	21.5	48.3	51.7	33.7	34.5	25.5	92.0	784.0	222.5
Mar. „ . .													695.2	
Monthly Total—														
1961-62 p—													(h)	
Oct. r ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	233.9	..
Nov. r ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	243.1	..
Dec. r ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	307.0	..
Jan. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	235.8	..
Feb. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	221.4	..
Mar. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	238.0	..

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, building sheets, tiles, joinery, cement). (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. (g) Includes tractors, new and used motor vehicles, etc., but excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc. (h) For earlier monthly figures see page 2.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail, but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses, are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, &c.			Plant and Machinery.		
	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a) (£'000.)	Amount Financed.(b) (£'000.)	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a) (£'000.)	Amount Financed.(b) (£'000.)
Monthly Average—						
1953-54	(c) 19,692	(c) 13,174	(c) 7,374	(c)	(c)	(c)
1954-55	23,182	15,938	9,238	1,214	732	450
1955-56	25,484	17,700	10,496	1,584	992	616
1956-57	26,424	18,718	11,407	1,802	1,207	764
1957-58	29,848	21,467	13,110	1,872	1,322	851
1958-59	32,944	23,764	14,750	2,596	1,832	1,174
1959-60	37,231	27,633	17,684	2,857	2,209	1,450
1960-61	29,187	23,343	14,859	2,831	2,567	1,662
Monthly Total—						
1959-60—						
January	34,328	23,903	15,442	2,342	1,810	1,190
February	34,940	25,498	16,310	2,691	1,974	1,304
March	39,855	29,363	18,857	3,360	2,743	1,815
April	32,950	25,143	16,312	2,513	2,069	1,371
May	36,324	27,786	18,074	2,767	2,193	1,437
June	36,668	28,157	18,360	2,730	2,360	1,589
1960-61—						
July	35,548	27,343	17,738	2,834	2,300	1,545
August	38,227	29,578	19,119	2,811	2,249	1,494
September	36,918	29,070	18,802	3,003	2,498	1,640
October	36,796	29,280	18,898	3,814	3,773	2,502
November	38,530	32,200	20,791	4,534	4,375	2,799
December	28,046	23,484	14,733	3,265	3,073	2,042
January	22,902	18,580	11,593	2,354	2,038	1,302
February	19,605	15,939	9,963	1,988	1,795	1,124
March	24,854	20,418	12,661	2,648	2,307	1,461
April	22,620	18,079	11,338	2,123	2,084	1,324
May	24,468	19,341	12,108	2,425	2,236	1,411
June	21,725	16,808	10,557	2,178	2,081	1,307
1961-62 p—						
July	22,636	17,002	10,724	1,922	1,953	1,211
August	25,759	19,245	12,244	2,304	2,047	1,302
September	25,432	19,012	11,988	2,100	2,137	1,361
October	28,149	21,748	13,892	3,099	3,306	2,161
November	29,191	22,480	14,259	3,656	3,897	2,451
December	26,595	20,497	13,243	2,379	2,302	1,506
January	27,877	20,698	13,252	2,244	1,953	1,270
February	26,364	19,853	12,709	2,481	2,096	1,321

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (c) Details relating to "Plant and Machinery" are included with "Motor Vehicles, Tractors, &c."

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—*continued.*

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE: AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Period.	Household and Personal Goods.			Total (All Goods).		
	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a) (£'000.)	Amount Financed.(b) (£'000.)	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a) (£'000.)	Amount Financed.(b) (£'000.)
Monthly Average—						
1953-54	46,311	3,438	2,704	66,003	16,612	10,078
1954-55	53,535	4,091	3,315	77,931	20,761	13,003
1955-56	56,291	4,320	3,509	83,359	23,012	14,621
1956-57	56,473	4,437	3,564	84,699	24,362	15,735
1957-58	67,949	6,965	5,648	99,669	29,754	19,609
1958-59	69,688	6,951	5,714	105,228	32,547	21,638
1959-60	71,024	7,261	5,982	111,112	37,103	25,116
1960-61	51,501	5,551	4,550	83,519	31,461	21,071
Monthly Total—						
1959-60—						
January	77,906	7,601	6,252	114,576	33,314	22,884
February	66,586	6,910	5,603	104,217	34,382	23,217
March	72,397	8,133	6,675	115,612	40,239	27,347
April	59,906	6,210	5,152	95,369	33,422	22,835
May	67,841	7,295	6,035	106,932	37,274	25,546
June	67,604	7,429	6,144	107,002	37,946	26,093
1960-61—						
July	65,202	6,664	5,488	103,584	36,307	24,771
August	58,897	6,694	5,540	99,935	38,521	26,153
September	58,829	6,465	5,335	98,750	38,033	25,777
October	58,797	6,409	5,294	99,407	39,462	26,694
November	62,461	6,628	5,438	105,525	43,203	29,028
December	60,321	6,194	5,083	91,632	32,751	21,858
January	55,036	5,850	4,814	80,292	26,468	17,709
February	44,961	4,823	3,929	66,554	22,557	15,016
March	44,083	4,868	3,922	71,585	27,593	18,044
April	34,985	3,851	3,119	59,728	24,014	15,781
May	38,522	4,239	3,437	65,415	25,816	16,956
June	35,923	3,923	3,198	59,826	22,812	15,062
1961-62p—						
July	33,252	3,611	2,877	57,810	22,566	14,812
August	37,581	4,210	3,364	65,644	25,502	16,910
September	37,146	3,996	3,194	64,678	25,145	16,543
October	38,512	4,416	3,485	69,760	29,470	19,538
November	40,208	4,434	3,500	73,055	30,811	20,210
December	45,201	4,894	3,891	74,175	27,693	18,640
January	40,652	4,294	3,411	70,773	26,945	17,933
February	36,213	3,857	3,090	65,058	25,806	17,120

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).
insurance.

(b) Excludes hiring charges and

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RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—*continued.*

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE): STATES.(a)
(£'000.)

As at—	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1953—30th June ..	35,202	20,052	15,131	8,532	6,765	3,108	88,790
1954—30th June ..	50,779	30,806	22,489	13,380	10,154	4,772	132,380
1955—30th June ..	68,952	44,830	29,240	18,633	14,151	7,012	182,818
1955—56—							
30th September ..	75,069	48,592	31,298	19,930	15,078	7,460	197,427
31st December ..	79,546	53,582	32,764	21,547	16,080	7,951	211,470
31st March ..	78,777	55,393	32,350	21,507	15,844	8,033	211,904
30th June ..	79,100	56,369	32,266	21,618	15,388	8,163	212,904
1956—57—							
30th September ..	80,850	58,158	33,962	22,772	15,276	8,497	219,515
31st December ..	83,831	61,458	36,089	24,734	15,877	9,033	231,022
31st March ..	83,868	62,214	36,608	25,216	15,331	9,049	232,286
30th June ..	85,480	64,255	36,934	25,342	15,488	9,023	236,522
1957—58—							
30th September ..	89,018	67,416	37,962	25,788	15,982	8,985	245,151
31st December ..	96,761	74,144	40,286	27,426	17,470	9,457	265,544
31st March ..	103,427	79,195	41,266	27,859	18,155	9,796	279,698
30th June ..	111,872	84,652	42,483	28,688	19,052	9,928	296,675
1958—59—							
30th September ..	120,375	89,609	44,361	29,630	19,605	10,148	313,728
31st December ..	130,813	96,302	47,472	31,780	21,201	10,784	338,352
31st March ..	134,777	98,035	48,488	31,820	20,526	10,747	344,393
30th June ..	141,028	100,193	49,451	32,621	20,779	10,696	354,768
1959—60—							
30th September ..	147,077	103,540	51,940	34,744	21,407	10,988	369,696
31st December ..	157,293	112,211	56,806	38,903	23,633	11,733	400,579
31st March ..	160,185	116,009	57,614	40,434	23,279	11,560	409,081
31st May ..	162,447	116,849	59,040	42,069	24,430	11,791	416,626
30th June ..	163,808	118,493	59,721	42,922	25,169	11,872	421,985
1960—61—							
31st July ..	164,195	119,003	60,288	43,358	25,852	12,196	424,892
31st August ..	165,267	118,894	61,011	44,184	26,397	12,414	428,167
30th September ..	167,809	119,827	62,151	45,110	26,602	12,622	434,121
31st October ..	169,502	120,958	62,719	45,764	27,316	12,734	438,993
30th November ..	173,290	122,597	63,900	46,867	28,438	13,067	448,159
31st December ..	174,328	121,938	64,668	47,156	29,161	13,192	450,443
31st January ..	174,926	120,530	63,635	47,055	29,388	13,428	448,962
28th February ..	171,175	117,992	61,586	45,934	27,688	13,152	437,527
31st March ..	167,313	114,556	60,490	44,812	27,526	12,933	427,630
30th April ..	167,408	112,850	59,341	43,636	27,066	12,938	423,239
31st May ..	165,324	110,530	58,049	43,000	27,052	12,677	416,632
30th June ..	161,575	106,911	57,431	42,362	27,060	12,310	407,649
1961—62p—							
31st July ..	159,141	104,951	55,884	41,489	26,782	12,165	400,412
31st August ..	158,080	102,979	55,453	40,553	26,772	11,959	395,796
30th September ..	157,493	101,080	54,644	39,942	26,877	11,836	391,872
31st October ..	156,721	99,902	54,129	39,481	27,448	11,889	389,570
30th November ..	156,341	99,748	53,732	38,944	28,195	11,934	388,894
31st December ..	156,715	99,233	53,572	38,731	28,627	11,910	388,788
31st January ..	154,584	98,527	52,965	38,172	28,474	11,850	384,572
28th February ..	154,083	97,840	52,386	37,380	27,245	11,737	(d)380,671

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Provisional estimate, 31st March, £m.377.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Period.								Net Sales Recorded.		
								Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37								15.4	21.8	37.2
1937-38								16.9	23.6	40.5
1938-39								16.4	23.4	39.8
1954-55								63.9	141.6	205.5
1955-56								66.5	154.8	221.3
1956-57								65.1	168.1	233.2
1957-58								70.8	175.5	246.3
1958-59								74.2	179.3	253.5
1959-60								85.0	196.2	281.2
1960-61								86.7	203.9	290.6
Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.										
	2½%	8⅓%	12½%	16⅔%	25%	30%	40%			
Monthly Total—										
1959-60—										
March								89.6	214.7	304.3
April								78.3	200.4	278.7
May								86.9	209.9	296.8
June								83.6	211.7	295.3
1960-61—										
July								86.4	191.7	278.1
August								98.6	207.1	305.7
September								98.0	211.3	309.3
October								98.7	206.4	305.1
November						4.9		112.1	249.3	361.4
December					10.2		12.1	98.7	209.8	308.5
January				7.6	5.6		7.8	66.0	170.5	236.5
February				8.4	6.3	2.7	6.6	74.7	192.9	267.6
March				8.9	7.0	13.3		82.9	210.1	293.0
April				8.3	6.3	11.0		70.7	182.2	252.9
May				9.6	7.0	11.9		79.1	206.6	285.7
June				8.8	6.8	10.7		74.6	209.1	283.7
1961-62—										
July				8.3	7.0	10.1		72.8	180.2	253.0
August	8.5	8.2		8.9	8.2	11.8		84.4	200.4	284.8
September	17.3		40.4	9.0	8.0	11.9		86.6	201.7	288.3
October	18.5		45.3	9.3	8.2	13.4		94.7	206.1	300.8
November	r21.4		r46.0	r9.6	r9.2	13.8		r100.0	r219.3	r319.3
December (<i>a</i>)	21.7		45.4	8.9	9.9	12.8		97.7	193.5	291.2
January (<i>a</i>)	13.8		34.7	8.3	6.4	10.9		74.1	181.8	255.9

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

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IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.		Producers' Materials for use in—										Fuels and Lubricants.(d)		Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e)		Munitions and War Stores.	
		Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.				Total. (c)							
						Motor Vehicle Assembly.ab		Other. (c)									
		Class I. A.		Class I. B.		Class I. c (5).		Class I. c (1-4).		Class I.		Class II.		Class III.		Class VII.	
Monthly Average—			%		%	%			%		%		%		%		%
1936-37	..	347	4.0	143	1.7	{(f)}	{(f)}	3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	7.2	415	4.8	31	0.4
1937-38	..	472	4.4	155	1.5			4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	7.4	480	4.5	36	0.3
1938-39	..	385	4.1	171	1.8			3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	7.8	476	5.1	88	0.9
1954-55	..	3,044	4.3	517	0.7			25,691	36.7	29,252	41.7	4,790	6.9	2,503	3.6	728	0.9
1955-56	..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8	5,672	8.3	25,665	37.7	34,454	50.6	3,889	5.7	2,357	3.4	1,071	1.6
1956-57	..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2	24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,343	3.9	2,191	3.7	745	1.2
1957-58	..	1,928	2.9	738	1.1	4,751	7.2	27,115	41.3	34,532	52.5	2,026	3.1	2,223	3.4	676	1.0
1958-59	..	1,899	2.9	670	1.0	5,177	7.8	26,692	40.3	34,438	52.0	2,268	3.5	2,204	3.3	721	1.1
1959-60	..	2,689	3.5	669	0.9	6,592	8.5	30,580	39.7	40,530	52.6	2,178	2.8	2,425	3.2	1,035	1.3
1960-61 p	..	3,433	3.8	978	1.1	7,142	7.9	36,908	40.8	48,461	53.6	2,222	2.4	3,212	3.6	651	0.7
Monthly Total—																	
1959-60—																	
January	..	2,340	3.1	531	0.7	7,482	9.9	30,418	40.4	40,771	54.1	1,062	1.4	2,368	3.1	879	1.2
February	..	3,123	4.0	713	0.9	5,829	7.4	29,643	37.8	39,308	50.1	2,867	3.7	2,106	2.7	2,355	3.0
March	..	3,792	4.3	776	0.9	9,029	10.2	33,088	37.6	46,685	53.0	2,096	2.4	2,480	2.8	872	1.0
April	..	2,740	3.8	580	0.8	7,542	10.4	27,498	37.9	38,360	52.9	1,992	2.8	3,067	4.2	1,605	2.2
May	..	3,576	3.9	693	0.8	8,833	9.7	36,647	40.4	49,749	54.8	2,689	3.0	2,207	2.4	953	1.0
June	..	4,160	4.6	796	0.9	8,366	9.2	36,447	40.3	49,769	55.0	2,119	2.3	2,520	2.8	628	0.7
1960-61 p—																	
July	..	3,701	4.2	1,136	1.3	7,334	8.2	38,444	43.2	50,615	56.9	2,029	2.3	2,752	3.1	940	1.0
August	..	5,191	5.0	761	0.7	9,168	8.8	42,223	41.2	57,343	55.7	2,412	2.3	3,689	3.6	1,109	1.1
September		4,232	5.0	873	0.9	7,167	8.1	36,995	42.1	49,267	56.1	2,468	2.8	2,545	2.9	668	0.8
October	..	4,472	4.5	1,113	1.1	7,473	7.5	42,317	42.0	55,375	55.1	2,628	2.6	3,877	3.9	426	0.4
November		3,919	4.3	1,238	1.4	5,483	6.1	38,288	43.0	48,928	54.8	1,902	2.1	4,257	4.7	371	0.4
December		3,506	3.8	617	0.7	7,451	8.1	35,519	38.8	47,093	51.4	1,796	2.0	3,840	4.2	550	0.6
January	..	3,257	3.3	834	0.8	8,560	8.6	39,192	39.2	51,843	51.9	3,233	3.3	2,937	3.0	1,234	1.2
February	..	2,888	3.0	914	1.0	8,152	8.6	39,473	41.6	51,427	54.2	1,385	1.5	4,002	4.2	336	0.4
March	..	3,051	3.4	930	1.1	7,871	8.8	34,099	38.1	45,951	51.4	1,775	2.0	3,468	3.9	401	0.4
April	..	2,286	2.6	775	0.9	7,637	8.8	33,999	39.2	44,697	51.5	3,219	3.7	2,637	3.1	349	0.4
May	..	2,444	3.1	1,078	1.4	5,631	7.1	32,167	40.8	41,320	52.4	1,706	2.2	2,607	3.3	653	0.8
June	..	2,254	3.0	1,466	2.0	3,782	5.1	30,170	40.4	37,672	50.5	2,109	2.8	1,929	2.6	779	1.1
1961-62 p—																	
July	..	1,664	2.4	1,197	1.7	3,515	5.0	26,987	38.7	33,363	47.8	2,372	3.4	2,865	4.1	522	0.8
August	..	1,969	2.7	925	1.3	4,239	5.8	27,572	37.8	34,705	47.6	1,776	2.4	2,720	3.7	1,414	2.0
September		1,827	2.7	1,389	2.1	2,259	3.4	26,531	39.5	32,006	47.7	2,557	3.8	2,400	3.6	922	1.3
October	..	2,084	3.0	1,248	1.8	2,353	3.4	26,377	38.5	32,062	46.7	1,471	2.1	3,431	5.0	1,147	1.7
November		2,016	2.9	844	1.2	2,517	3.6	27,325	39.0	32,702	46.7	1,974	2.8	3,247	4.7	478	0.7
December		1,955	3.2	832	1.3	2,523	4.1	26,231	42.4	31,541	51.0	918	1.5	1,834	3.0	395	0.6
January	..	2,612	3.2	962	1.1	3,780	4.6	33,289	40.6	40,643	49.5	2,512	3.1	2,791	3.4	988	1.2
February	..	2,150	3.1	921	1.3	3,897	5.6	27,617	40.0	34,585	50.0	2,543	3.7	1,861	2.7	644	0.9

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece-goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in Classes VI. E-J and III. respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in Class I. c. (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in Class V. B. (g) Prior to July, 1955, excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class I. c. (5).

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumer Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other. (a)		Total. (a)	
			Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.									
	Class IV.		Class V. B.		Class V. A, C, D.		Class VI. A, B, C.		Class VI. D.		Class VI. E-J.		Class VI.	
Monthly		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
Average—														
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3	1,878	21.8
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0	2,079	19.6
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361	14.4	2,009	21.3
1954-55 ..	10,289	14.8	7,377	10.5	1,824	2.6	3,236	4.6	614	0.9	9,468	13.5	13,318	19.0
1955-56 ..	11,174	16.4	(b) 1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0	11,621	17.0
1956-57 ..	10,132	16.9	958	1.6	1,616	2.8	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	7,422	12.4	10,091	16.9
1957-58 ..	12,040	18.3	1,047	1.6	1,353	2.1	2,523	3.8	429	0.6	8,923	13.6	11,875	18.0
1958-59 ..	11,613	17.5	951	1.4	2,220	3.4	2,699	4.1	397	0.6	8,695	13.1	11,791	17.8
1959-60 ..	13,830	17.9	1,063	1.4	2,453	3.2	3,058	4.0	465	0.6	10,016	13.0	13,539	17.6
1960-61 p ..	16,534	18.3	1,438	1.6	1,715	1.9	3,470	3.8	650	0.7	12,100	13.4	16,220	17.9
Monthly Total—														
1959-60—														
January ..	14,016	18.6	1,185	1.6	1,624	2.2	3,088	4.1	507	0.6	9,841	13.1	13,436	17.8
February ..	13,817	17.6	980	1.3	3,261	4.2	3,358	4.3	617	0.8	9,655	12.3	13,630	17.4
March ..	15,658	17.8	1,458	1.7	2,191	2.5	3,633	4.1	756	0.9	12,166	13.8	16,555	18.8
April ..	13,382	18.4	1,010	1.4	1,764	2.4	2,654	3.7	543	0.7	8,225	11.3	11,422	15.7
May ..	16,989	18.7	1,419	1.6	1,443	1.6	2,979	3.3	490	0.5	11,913	13.1	15,382	16.9
June ..	16,388	18.1	1,307	1.4	1,823	2.0	3,381	3.7	416	0.5	12,249	13.5	16,046	17.7
1960-61 p—														
July ..	14,932	16.8	1,404	1.6	1,367	1.5	2,545	2.9	541	0.6	11,828	13.3	14,914	16.8
August ..	17,961	17.3	1,607	1.6	1,574	1.5	3,820	3.7	614	0.6	13,008	12.6	17,442	16.9
September ..	13,747	15.6	1,192	1.3	2,353	2.7	3,105	3.6	697	0.8	11,824	13.4	15,626	17.8
October ..	16,561	16.7	1,541	1.6	1,816	1.8	3,381	3.4	636	0.6	13,802	13.9	17,819	17.9
November ..	15,008	16.7	1,531	1.7	1,329	1.5	4,233	4.7	446	0.5	11,554	12.9	16,233	18.1
December ..	18,075	19.7	2,088	2.3	1,499	1.6	3,296	3.6	567	0.6	12,801	14.0	16,664	18.2
January ..	19,218	19.3	1,724	1.7	2,102	2.1	4,087	4.1	836	0.8	12,557	12.6	17,480	17.5
February ..	18,164	19.2	1,618	1.7	1,654	1.7	3,214	3.4	1,026	1.1	11,968	12.6	16,208	17.1
March ..	17,778	19.9	1,530	1.7	1,263	1.4	4,045	4.5	961	1.1	12,233	13.7	17,239	19.3
April ..	16,595	19.1	1,101	1.3	2,353	2.7	3,599	4.1	686	0.8	11,543	13.3	15,828	18.2
May ..	15,094	19.1	1,116	1.4	1,697	2.2	3,299	4.2	421	0.5	11,016	13.9	14,736	18.6
June ..	15,282	20.5	809	1.1	1,576	2.1	3,016	4.0	376	0.5	11,045	14.8	14,437	19.3
1961-62 p—														
July ..	13,907	19.9	769	1.1	2,182	3.1	2,842	4.1	582	0.8	10,361	14.9	13,785	19.8
August ..	13,756	18.9	824	1.1	2,481	3.4	3,387	4.6	637	0.9	11,251	15.4	15,275	20.9
September ..	12,081	18.0	870	1.3	1,006	1.5	3,405	5.1	565	0.8	11,325	16.9	15,295	22.8
October ..	12,514	18.2	921	1.3	1,652	2.4	3,932	5.7	324	0.5	11,264	16.4	15,520	22.6
November ..	14,092	20.1	970	1.4	2,112	3.0	3,195	4.6	366	0.5	10,867	15.5	14,428	20.6
December ..	11,454	18.5	639	1.1	1,560	2.5	3,168	5.1	348	0.6	9,986	16.1	13,502	21.8
January ..	15,480	18.9	1,213	1.5	1,820	2.2	3,782	4.6	704	0.8	12,113	14.8	16,599	20.2
February ..	13,382	19.4	970	1.4	963	1.4	2,758	4.0	629	0.9	10,818	15.6	14,205	20.5

(a) Includes a percentage for piece-goods to be sold at retail, *see* note (c), page 16. (b) Prior to July, 1955, includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class I. c (5).

For meaning of symbols p, —, *see* page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.)(a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.)(b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Total.
Monthly										
Average—										
1936-37	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1954-55	8,818	4,986	15,448	428	2,082	10,808	9,246	13,167	47,668	70,081
1955-56	10,095	4,557	19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956-57	10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450	8,144	11,147	9,623	38,953	59,723
1957-58	11,563	5,501	17,468	600	1,359	9,916	12,163	10,089	43,520	65,772
1958-59	11,628	4,954	17,856	565	1,550	9,676	12,193	9,961	44,052	66,206
1959-60	12,834	6,031	21,674	696	1,537	11,306	13,530	11,131	52,392	77,053
1960-61 p ..	13,395	7,377	27,689	785	1,571	13,847	14,181	12,782	63,490	90,453
Monthly Total—										
1959-60—										
January	13,413	5,018	22,339	555	1,353	11,528	13,968	8,864	52,509	75,341
February	12,594	6,177	20,537	855	1,560	11,215	13,449	11,907	52,968	78,324
March	14,747	6,438	25,467	788	2,149	13,618	15,535	12,275	60,185	87,995
April	10,793	5,724	21,908	570	1,428	9,424	11,363	10,458	50,781	72,602
May	15,007	7,000	27,754	705	1,514	13,163	15,712	12,840	62,279	90,831
June	13,574	7,451	28,819	936	1,852	13,258	14,510	13,033	63,057	90,600
1960-61 p—										
July	15,461	6,934	28,228	674	1,322	12,874	16,135	11,899	60,919	88,953
August	15,074	9,153	33,524	884	2,076	14,480	15,958	15,567	71,612	103,137
September	14,912	7,497	26,844	675	1,659	13,164	15,587	13,203	59,076	87,866
October	12,719	8,808	33,290	663	1,375	15,756	13,382	14,602	72,059	100,043
November	13,911	8,383	26,999	893	1,769	13,578	14,804	13,624	61,131	89,559
December	11,190	7,516	28,370	549	1,322	14,793	11,739	12,293	67,573	91,605
January	13,932	6,694	31,022	599	1,859	15,022	14,531	13,561	71,679	99,771
February	13,566	8,502	29,352	776	1,308	14,124	14,342	12,863	67,589	94,794
March	10,988	7,010	27,913	982	1,672	14,585	11,970	12,140	65,295	89,405
April	12,791	7,213	24,743	849	1,597	13,382	13,640	13,552	59,587	86,779
May	13,172	5,598	22,554	1,039	1,372	12,325	14,211	10,014	54,704	78,929
June	13,026	5,216	19,430	840	1,515	12,082	13,866	10,074	50,653	74,593
1961-62 p—										
July	10,456	4,501	18,386	797	1,430	11,558	11,253	9,467	49,045	69,765
August	11,404	4,411	18,890	819	1,865	12,591	12,223	9,360	51,368	72,951
September	12,773	4,765	14,468	814	1,655	12,826	13,587	10,100	43,450	67,137
October	11,936	4,599	15,527	841	1,474	13,205	12,777	8,714	47,227	68,718
November	10,694	4,751	17,257	583	1,294	12,551	11,277	9,199	49,527	70,003
December	10,680	4,733	16,108	544	1,694	11,264	11,224	8,366	42,233	61,823
January	11,633	6,823	22,191	795	1,515	14,289	12,428	12,224	57,398	82,050
February	11,361	5,588	17,636	546	1,168	12,491	11,907	10,452	46,794	69,153
March										77,700

(a) See note (c), page 16.

(b) See note (a), page 17.

(c) See note (g), page 16.

NOTE.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed".

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Merchandise.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402	12,316
1937-38	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409	11,719
1938-39	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356	10,128
1954-55	5,291	2,049	5,461	731	703	2,604	1,642	29,426	2,070	63,170
1955-56	5,039	2,414	5,513	762	650	2,070	1,740	28,127	2,106	64,236
1956-57	4,250	2,152	6,811	715	549	2,407	2,022	40,310	2,684	81,083
1957-58	4,602	1,303	3,570	1,089	762	2,919	2,116	31,116	1,829	67,525
1958-59	8,100	2,079	4,309	785	1,062	2,687	1,964	25,187	1,580	67,226
1959-60	7,386	2,387	6,402	775	756	2,228	2,648	32,180	1,358	77,163
1960-61 p ..	r6,023	1,638	10,117	864	758	2,930	2,266	27,871	1,361	77,337
Monthly Total—										
1959-60—										
January	6,142	4,130	6,134	46	68	2,320	1,902	33,518	747	73,045
February	5,683	2,602	9,652	216	97	1,657	2,356	35,358	1,531	79,115
March	5,268	1,875	8,401	1,210	222	2,630	2,359	39,369	1,670	87,949
April	5,125	818	5,157	2,443	625	2,859	2,096	29,620	458	70,168
May	6,284	1,045	4,550	2,840	770	2,104	2,705	28,446	1,858	71,362
June	9,279	1,183	6,861	1,563	1,068	1,934	2,727	30,327	1,635	78,264
1960-61 p—										
July	8,561	1,264	5,482	322	1,383	694	2,263	25,775	1,266	66,467
August	6,478	764	7,787	173	709	2,663	2,392	14,845	1,694	61,099
September	5,987	835	7,268	189	374	6,551	2,462	17,435	1,559	64,473
October	5,461	1,784	6,777	145	649	3,947	2,137	25,581	1,491	68,726
November	4,556	2,163	8,060	78	812	3,011	2,125	33,510	1,681	76,772
December	5,981	2,683	6,634	70	903	3,275	2,196	34,720	788	77,145
January	4,809	3,471	9,187	39	194	2,463	1,851	33,033	1,062	76,549
February	5,860	2,929	11,020	160	64	1,475	2,152	28,675	1,615	79,080
March	6,257	1,592	15,528	851	145	3,033	2,340	32,527	1,501	86,415
April	4,335	720	14,424	2,606	628	2,441	1,850	28,590	1,190	81,359
May	5,998	517	15,563	3,519	1,233	2,441	2,754	28,774	1,079	92,641
June	7,997	929	13,675	2,216	2,003	3,165	2,671	30,982	1,412	97,315
1961-62 p—										
July	7,287	799	15,422	447	1,171	2,857	2,771	27,958	1,394	85,922
August	7,914	1,251	14,594	295	1,899	2,711	3,089	18,141	1,070	77,362
September	7,140	2,109	15,831	133	1,255	7,087	2,859	18,325	1,088	81,482
October	8,882	1,792	13,826	187	932	2,521	3,066	36,956	1,914	96,583
November	8,075	4,734	11,883	210	150	2,020	3,113	43,969	1,121	101,655
December	7,524	2,835	6,502	87	272	3,306	2,366	37,211	1,554	83,625
January	8,313	3,368	15,264	110	152	1,889	2,182	38,470	1,307	95,762
February	7,235	1,503	12,698	256	304	878	2,458	32,292	1,928	r86,297
March	7,792	1,014	10,983	1,834	590	3,137	2,423	33,833	1,779	89,817

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. In general the index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity, but average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (1936-37 to 1938-39)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00
	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1954-55 ..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	431
1955-56 ..	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	397
1956-57 ..	578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	444
1957-58 ..	471	357	218	398	333	518	341	368	240	178	400	385
1958-59 ..	362	350	230	386	394	475	383	367	335	178	351	339
1959-60 ..	425	333	315	428	432	452	349	302	365	178	393	378
1960-61 ..	390	335	229	398	463	461	p342	324	296	179	p366	p353
1959-60—												
February ..	415	331	310	427	459	448	332	293	346	178	389	374
March ..	415	331	276	432	465	458	335	279	345	178	386	371
April ..	430	333	248	438	475	454	338	283	322	178	391	376
May ..	415	332	248	437	463	461	327	286	316	178	382	368
June ..	415	337	255	426	479	453	324	300	303	178	384	370
1960-61—												
July ..	392	335	269	422	477	447	326	311	280	178	374	360
August ..	362	330	252	417	469	455	329	311	274	178	355	342
September ..	366	338	235	412	460	466	338	327	304	178	356	344
October ..	362	339	245	408	447	469	341	338	308	179	355	342
November ..	377	339	239	409	435	450	345	333	310	180	360	348
December ..	373	334	235	390	439	455	348	317	302	179	356	343
January ..	377	330	225	376	419	447	346	308	307	180	353	341
February ..	392	331	215	386	461	451	346	317	300	178	363	350
March ..	400	333	208	391	474	450	347	338	308	178	368	355
April ..	430	337	210	393	490	462	347	339	296	178	385	371
May ..	430	336	209	392	488	458	p347	325	283	178	p384	p370
June ..	422	335	209	384	494	525	p346	320	275	178	p382	p368
1961-62—												
July ..	(e) 422	341	209	382	486	499	p343	299	306	179	p382	p368
August ..	422	344	208	381	477	464	p330	302	318	178	p380	p366
September ..	415	343	207	368	470	434	p328	282	320	178	p374	p360
October ..	400	346	207	365	467	417	p314	257	316	178	p366	p353
November ..	392	345	219	353	455	405	p312	250	304	178	p361	p348
December ..	392	355	241	358	(f)	411	p314	246	307	178	p367	p354
January ..	392	359	241	354	(f)	427	p308	244	309	178	p367	p354
February ..	415	361	240	345	(f)	409	p308	242	301	178	p378	p364
March ..	p422	359	240	351	(f)	416	p308	240	305	178	p381	p367

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) The individual items comprising the meats group have been altered from October, 1960. In October, 1960, and subsequent months the meats group index has been varied by the movement in prices of beef, lamb, mutton and canned meats, weighted according to their average annual exports during 1956-57 to 1960-61. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanias, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Nominal. (f) Actual prices realized not yet known; provisional series are included in "All Groups" Indexes.

For meaning of symbols p, .., see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—*continued.*

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Group indexes in the table on page 20 show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export, and comprises 46 per cent. of the base aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effect on the All Groups Index of movements in prices of the other components. "Wool" and "Other Groups" are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939=100.)

Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1949-50	473	308	383	1955-56.. ..	464	342	397
1950-51	999	365	654	1956-57.. ..	578	331	444
1951-52	564	397	473	1957-58.. ..	471	313	385
1952-53	616	371	483	1958-59.. ..	362	320	339
1953-54	615	356	474	1959-60.. ..	425	339	378
1954-55	538	342	431	1960-61.. ..	390	p322	p353

Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
	1956-57.			1957-58.			1958-59.		
July	490	330	403	(a)596	327	450	(a)400	304	348
August	520	330	417	551	331	431	354	310	330
September ..	566	336	441	543	328	426	354	312	332
October	551	332	432	498	323	403	336	318	326
November ..	581	331	445	483	315	391	339	323	330
December ..	588	329	447	445	305	369	328	324	326
January	596	330	451	453	306	373	321	325	323
February.. ..	611	330	458	468	303	378	339	318	328
March	596	329	451	422	304	358	347	319	331
April	618	331	462	400	301	346	415	321	364
May	626	333	467	392	303	344	415	327	367
June	596	332	452	400	306	348	400	334	364

	1959-60.			1960-61.			1961-62.		
July	(a)407	338	370	392	333	360	(a)422	p322	p368
August	445	345	390	362	326	342	422	p319	p366
September ..	430	339	380	366	325	344	415	p315	p360
October	430	343	382	362	326	342	400	p313	p353
November ..	422	344	380	377	323	348	392	p312	p348
December ..	437	349	389	373	319	343	392	p322	p354
January	437	349	389	377	311	341	392	p322	p354
February.. ..	415	340	374	392	315	350	415	p322	p364
March	415	334	371	400	317	355	p422	p321	p367
April	430	331	376	430	321	371			
May	415	329	368	430	p320	p370			
June	415	332	370	422	p322	p368			

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the general trend of export prices, but do not take account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling in particular months. The "changing weights" index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the weights used are the quantities actually exported (sold in some cases) in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

All Groups.			Month of March.		Nine months ended March.	
			1961.	1962.	1961.	1962.
Excluding Wool ..	..	..	100	101	100	100
Including Wool ..	..	..	100	104	100	104

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group: Average of three years ended June, 1939=100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (c)	Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported (b)	Goods principally Home Produced (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1957-58 ..	398	238	437	349	280	453	355	325	301	355	339
1958-59 ..	392	231	362	327	293	423	340	332	283	358	336
1959-60 ..	395	225	403	331	379	431	347	348	281	375	348
1960-61 ..	399	222	387	331	341	439	346	372	278	394	360
1959-60—											
February ..	402	223	394	333	395	433	349	343	283	372	346
March ..	403	224	395	333	387	438	351	347	283	376	349
April ..	403	224	405	332	378	439	351	359	283	386	355
May ..	403	224	399	331	353	439	349	367	283	390	359
June ..	403	225	400	331	342	439	349	387	281	406	369
1960-61—											
July ..	403	225	384	329	349	439	349	390	280	409	371
August ..	401	225	366	329	365	439	347	392	280	410	372
September ..	402	226	370	329	370	439	349	388	280	407	370
October ..	402	223	368	329	378	439	348	377	279	399	364
November ..	402	222	377	329	377	439	348	365	280	390	357
December ..	400	221	376	329	342	439	345	363	280	386	355
January ..	399	219	380	332	323	439	344	359	278	384	352
February ..	397	219	389	332	322	438	344	362	276	386	354
March ..	397	220	395	332	324	438	345	367	276	391	357
April ..	395	221	413	332	325	439	346	371	277	394	359
May ..	395	221	413	332	318	439	345	365	277	389	356
June ..	393	218	408	332	303	439	342	362	274	386	353
1961-62—											
July ..	393	217	407	333	307	439	343	350	275	377	347
August ..	393	217	407	333	322	439	343	342	274	371	343
September ..	393	214	402	333	329	439	342	335	272	366	338
October ..	393	212	391	333	314	439	340	324	271	357	332
November ..	393	211	385	333	297	439	339	322	272	354	330
December ..	393	211	385	333	286	439	339	326	270	358	332
January ..	393	211	386	333	292	439	339	329	268	361	334
February ..	390	211	404	333	288	439	339	329	267	362	334
March ..											

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding Coal and Briquettes for February, 1962 was 433.
 (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports.

(c) NOTE.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For February, 1962, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were: "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", 329; "Goods Principally Home Produced", 362; "Total All Groups", 334.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

PRICE INDEX NUMBERS: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Source: *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g., -95-) indicates that two series have been linked at that period. A line between two index numbers indicates that it is not possible to link two series (because of change in scope, etc.) and therefore the index numbers are not comparable with each other even though they are shown on the same base period.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES.

(Base: Year 1953=100.)

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries.

Period.	Australia.	Canada.	France.	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan. (Tokyo).	New Zealand.	Republic of South Africa.	United Kingdom. (a) (1954=100)	United States of America.
1953	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100
1955	103	99	98	101	98	100	104	103	101
1956	106	102	102	103	102	104	105	107	104
1957	107	103	108	105	105	105	107	107	107
1958	105	103	121	106	98	108	107	101	108
1959	106	104	126	105	99	110	107	102	108
1960	112	104	130	107	101	110	109	102	109
1961	108	p106	p133	p108	p105	p110		p101	p108
Quarter—									
1960—March ..	108	104	130	106	101	110	108	103	109
June ..	113	105	130	106	100	110	108	102	109
September	116	104	128	107	101	110	109	101	108
December	112	104	131	108	102	111	110	101	109
1961—March ..	111	p105	p134	p108	p103	109		p101	p109
June ..	111	p105	p130	p108	p105	110		p101	p108
September	107	p106	p132	p108	p106	110		p101	p108
December	104	p107	p136	p109	p106	109		p100	p108

(a) Basic materials. Base: 1954=100.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES.

(Base: Year 1953=100.)

Period.	Australia. (a)	Canada.	France (Paris).	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan.	New Zealand.	Republic of South Africa. (b)	United Kingdom.	United States of America.
1953	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	-100-
1955	103	101	101	102	105	-107-	105	106	100
1956	109	102	103	104	106	111	107	-112-	102
1957	112	106	-106-	107	109	113	110	116	105
1958	113	108	121	109	109	118	-114-	119	108
1959	116	110	129	110	110	123	115	120	109
1960	120	111	134	111	114	124	117	121	111
1961	123	p112	p137	p114	p120	126	p119	p125	p112
Quarter—									
1960—March ..	117	110	133	111	112	123	116	120	110
June ..	119	110	133	112	113	123	117	121	110
September	121	111	134	111	114	124	117	121	111
December	122	112	136	112	115	125	117	122	111
1961—March ..	123	p112	p136	p113	p117	125	p118	p123	p111
June ..	123	p112	p136	p114	p117	125	p119	p124	p111
September	123	p112	p137	p115	p120	127	p120	p126	p112
December	123	p112	p140	p115	p124	128	p120	p128	p112

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base 1953=100. See pages 24 and 25.

(b) European families' expenditure.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

The Consumer Price Index was first published in August, 1960. It has been compiled for periods from September quarter, 1948. An account of the index is given in statistical bulletin S.B. 891 (of January, 1961) entitled "A Description of the Consumer Price Index".

GROUP INDEXES: WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each index: Year 1952-53=100.0)

Period.	Food.	Clothing and Drapery.	Housing.	Household Supplies and Equipment.	Miscellaneous.	All Groups.
Year ended June—						
1952.. ..	89.9	93.5	89.1	92.9	92.3	91.4
1953.. ..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954.. ..	103.5	100.7	104.8	101.6	99.9	102.0
1955.. ..	104.3	101.0	108.4	101.4	99.9	102.6
1956.. ..	110.2	102.0	115.1	101.6	105.9	106.9
1957.. ..	115.3	103.9	122.1	105.8	118.0	113.1
1958.. ..	113.3	107.0	127.3	107.5	119.7	114.2
1959.. ..	115.4	108.2	130.6	108.7	121.2	116.0
1960.. ..	119.8	109.4	135.2	109.8	123.9	118.9
1961.. ..	127.7	111.6	144.8	111.2	127.3	123.8
Quarter—						
1955-56—December	108.6	102.1	113.7	100.8	104.8	105.9
March	110.3	102.0	116.8	101.6	105.1	106.9
June	114.0	102.0	118.5	103.2	112.4	110.2
1956-57—September	119.0	102.3	119.7	103.6	116.0	112.9
December	115.6	103.3	121.7	105.5	118.0	113.0
March	112.9	104.2	122.3	107.0	118.6	112.6
June	113.8	105.6	124.5	107.1	119.3	113.7
1957-58—September	113.4	106.2	125.6	107.6	119.6	113.9
December	112.1	106.7	127.0	108.0	119.6	113.7
March	113.9	106.7	127.6	107.1	119.6	114.3
June	113.9	108.2	128.8	107.3	119.8	114.8
1958-59—September	113.7	108.2	129.2	107.9	120.1	114.9
December	114.6	108.4	130.4	108.7	121.3	115.8
March	116.3	108.1	130.9	108.9	121.5	116.3
June	117.1	107.9	131.9	109.1	121.9	116.8
1959-60—September	117.9	108.3	132.5	109.4	122.3	117.3
December	118.4	109.2	133.9	109.6	123.0	118.0
March	120.3	109.5	134.8	110.0	123.8	119.0
June	122.6	110.5	139.4	110.2	126.4	121.1
1960-61—September	126.0	110.7	141.4	110.6	126.7	122.5
December	126.7	111.5	144.1	111.0	127.2	123.3
March	128.6	111.7	145.7	111.3	127.5	124.2
June	129.4	112.4	148.0	111.9	127.7	125.0
1961-62—September	128.1	112.4	148.5	112.6	127.9	124.8
December	125.3	112.9	150.5	112.7	128.3	124.3
March	124.7	112.9	151.0	112.7	128.0	124.1

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

See note at top of page 24. The indexes shown below measure price movements in each State capital city individually and for the weighted average of the six capital cities. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES SEPARATELY AND COMBINED.

(Base of each index: Year 1952-53=100.0)

Period.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capital Cities. (Weighted Average.)
Year ended June—							
1952	91.9	91.0	91.8	91.4	90.4	90.4	91.4
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954	101.6	102.0	102.0	102.3	103.0	105.0	102.0
1955	102.3	102.0	102.9	103.5	105.2	104.9	102.6
1956	105.7	108.1	106.3	106.9	107.9	110.2	106.9
1957	112.9	114.0	112.0	111.1	112.9	116.9	113.1
1958	114.5	114.4	114.4	111.9	113.6	117.0	114.2
1959	115.3	116.6	118.2	114.5	114.7	118.7	116.0
1960	117.8	120.0	121.2	118.0	116.9	120.8	118.9
1961	122.1	125.9	125.4	122.9	121.2	127.5	123.8
Quarter—							
1955-56—December ..	104.7	107.3	104.9	106.0	106.8	109.1	105.9
March ..	105.5	108.4	106.4	106.5	107.9	110.5	106.9
June ..	108.8	112.0	109.5	109.9	110.5	113.6	110.2
1956-57—September ..	112.7	114.1	111.9	111.6	111.7	116.2	112.9
December ..	112.6	114.2	111.7	111.4	112.3	117.2	113.0
March ..	112.6	113.3	111.7	110.2	113.2	116.7	112.6
June ..	113.7	114.2	112.6	111.3	114.2	117.5	113.7
1957-58—September ..	114.0	114.4	112.8	111.9	114.0	116.7	113.9
December ..	113.9	114.2	113.7	111.6	113.0	116.9	113.7
March ..	115.0	114.2	115.0	111.5	113.2	117.1	114.3
June ..	115.1	114.6	115.9	112.7	114.1	117.3	114.8
1958-59—September ..	114.8	114.9	116.7	113.5	114.4	117.7	114.9
December ..	115.2	116.4	117.9	114.2	114.3	118.7	115.8
March ..	115.5	117.1	119.0	115.0	114.7	119.1	116.3
June ..	115.8	117.9	119.1	115.3	115.5	119.3	116.8
1959-60—September ..	116.3	118.2	120.2	116.3	115.9	119.7	117.3
December ..	117.2	118.8	120.8	116.9	115.7	120.1	118.0
March ..	118.2	119.8	121.6	118.3	117.1	120.8	119.0
June ..	119.6	123.0	122.3	120.6	119.0	122.6	121.1
1960-61—September ..	120.8	124.9	123.6	121.5	119.8	125.8	122.5
December ..	121.6	125.5	125.1	122.4	120.8	127.1	123.3
March ..	122.5	126.1	126.7	123.4	121.9	128.3	124.2
June ..	123.4	127.1	126.1	124.3	122.4	128.9	125.0
1961-62—September ..	123.1	126.8	127.0	123.5	121.7	129.1	124.8
December ..	122.5	126.5	127.1	122.5	121.3	128.3	124.3
March ..	122.4	125.9	127.7	122.1	121.5	127.5	124.1

SHARE PRICE INDEX.

This index relates to ordinary shares of the principal companies (excluding banks) listed on the Sydney Stock Exchange, whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. The total index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of thirty-four miscellaneous shares.

INDEX OF PRICES OF SHARES ON SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGE.
(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Twenty-three Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	Ten Retail Companies.	Four Pastoral and Finance Companies.	Four Insurance Companies.	Total Seventy-five Companies.	Thirty-four Active Shares included in foregoing.
1936-37	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026
1937-38	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011
1938-39	999	933	841	965	969	963
1955-56	2,038	2,178	1,751	2,142	1,726	1,649
1956-57	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653
1957-58	2,188	1,972	1,886	2,827	1,836	1,803
1958-59	2,411	2,002	1,597	3,117	1,966	1,978
1959-60	3,188	2,702	2,382	4,245	2,718	2,743
1960-61	3,223	2,866	2,095	4,888	2,787	2,855
1959-60—						
February	3,349	2,897	2,666	4,325	2,887	2,904
March	3,247	2,797	2,637	4,467	2,825	2,828
April	3,359	2,814	2,683	4,528	2,878	2,884
May	3,434	2,932	2,686	4,596	2,964	2,967
June	3,509	3,032	2,708	4,836	3,029	3,031
1960-61—						
July	3,488	2,965	2,552	4,891	3,029	3,025
August	3,512	2,995	2,486	5,012	3,056	3,061
September	3,538	3,216	2,428	5,118	3,086	3,117
October	3,411	3,118	2,174	5,036	2,951	2,994
November	3,070	2,859	1,967	4,836	2,697	2,740
December	2,992	2,715	1,950	4,689	2,582	2,662
January	3,033	2,709	2,020	4,667	2,615	2,716
February	3,105	2,723	1,990	4,795	2,656	2,766
March	3,085	2,731	1,919	4,747	2,631	2,745
April	3,102	2,730	1,871	4,749	2,665	2,754
May	3,117	2,759	1,898	4,899	2,682	2,794
June	3,224	2,874	1,881	5,219	2,794	2,884
1961-62—						
July	3,260	2,807	1,882	5,272	2,799	2,878
August	3,202	2,759	1,845	5,251	2,782	2,865
September	3,237	2,739	1,829	5,267	2,809	2,863
October	3,243	2,731	1,767	5,337	2,829	2,838
November	3,230	2,768	1,778	5,493	2,857	2,864
December	3,211	2,765	1,829	5,416	2,857	2,839
January	3,349	2,879	1,889	5,531	2,969	2,914
February	3,536	3,030	1,954	5,659	3,122	3,046
March	3,559	3,045	2,085	5,694	3,113	3,046

(a) Converted from original base, par values.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK: ADULT MALES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	
							Rates.	Index Nos. (Base 1954 =100.0)

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE.(a)

			s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
30th June—										
1939 .. ..	..	..	99 10	97 3	96 10	94 4	100 3	91 9	98 0	34.7
1952 .. ..	..	..	267 1	254 7	250 5	252 7	260 5	255 4	259 2	91.8
1953 .. ..	..	..	284 10	274 7	260 1	270 6	279 6	280 2	276 9	98.0
1954 .. ..	..	..	287 8	278 8	269 7	273 7	283 9	283 9	281 0	99.5
1955 .. ..	..	..	298 2	290 7	278 1	284 4	292 5	292 0	291 6	103.2
1956 .. ..	..	..	311 10	305 9	292 2	295 10	305 3	311 11	305 7	108.2
1957 .. ..	..	..	324 0	315 9	302 10	306 5	317 9	319 0	316 8	112.1
1958 .. ..	..	..	329 7	319 1	310 9	312 0	319 6	322 11	321 7	113.9
1959 .. ..	..	..	338 3	330 8	326 10	328 0	327 2	333 3	332 9	117.8
1960—										
31st January ..	..	..	351 1	346 5	335 5	340 10	342 7	347 3	346 0	122.5
29th February ..	..	..	353 8	349 2	337 1	341 1	343 11	347 10	348 1	123.2
31st March ..	..	..	354 9	349 2	338 11	341 4	345 3	347 11	348 11	123.5
30th April ..	..	..	354 10	349 3	339 8	341 6	345 7	348 8	349 2	123.6
31st May ..	..	..	356 4	349 4	343 5	341 9	350 4	349 3	350 8	124.2
30th June ..	..	..	356 6	349 5	344 8	341 9	350 4	349 7	350 11	124.3
31st July ..	..	..	356 9	349 6	345 2	341 10	355 9	349 7	351 6	124.5
31st August ..	..	..	358 7	349 8	347 3	342 0	355 9	351 1	352 8	124.9
30th September ..	..	..	358 7	349 8	347 4	342 0	355 10	351 2	352 8	124.9
31st October ..	..	..	358 7	349 8	350 0	342 0	357 11	351 3	353 3	125.1
30th November ..	..	..	362 6	349 10	350 8	342 0	357 11	351 7	354 11	125.7
31st December ..	..	..	362 8	349 10	350 8	342 1	358 1	351 11	354 11	125.7
1961—										
31st January ..	..	..	362 10	350 0	353 11	342 2	359 11	352 6	355 8	125.9
28th February ..	..	..	364 7	350 1	354 0	342 3	359 11	352 6	356 5	126.2
31st March ..	..	..	365 2	350 1	354 1	342 3	360 1	352 8	356 7	126.3
30th April ..	..	..	365 2	350 1	354 1	342 3	360 1	352 8	356 7	126.3
31st May ..	..	..	366 8	350 3	357 4	342 3	362 5	352 9	357 10	126.7
30th June ..	..	..	366 8	350 3	357 4	342 3	362 5	352 9	357 10	126.7
31st July ..	..	..	371 11	360 1	359 8	354 3	364 11	362 10	364 7	129.1
31st August ..	..	..	373 7	361 9	359 8	354 5	365 0	362 10	365 8	129.5
30th September ..	..	..	373 8	361 9	359 8	354 5	365 0	362 11	365 9	129.5
31st October ..	..	..	373 8	361 10	359 8	354 5	363 8	363 1	365 8	129.5
30th November ..	..	..	373 2	361 10	359 8	354 5	363 8	363 2	365 6	129.4
31st December ..	..	..	373 3	361 10	359 10	354 7	363 9	363 3	365 7	129.4
1962—										
31st January ..	..	..	373 2	363 0	359 10	354 7	363 9	363 3	365 11	129.6
28th February ..	..	..	372 8	363 0	359 10	354 7	363 9	363 3	365 8	129.5

WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK.(b)

28th February, 1962 ..	39.95	39.97	39.98	39.96	39.89	39.97	39.96	100.0
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(a) For a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements. Excludes Rural. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms, indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. (b) Excludes Rural and Shipping and Stevedoring.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES: ADULT MALES, AUSTRALIA.(a)

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL WAGE RATES.

Date.	Commonwealth Awards, etc.(b)				State Awards, etc.(c)				All Awards, etc.			
	Basic Wage.(d)	Margin.(e)	Load-ing.(f)	Total Wage.	Basic Wage.	Margin.(e)	Load-ing.(f)	Total Wage.	Basic Wage.	Margin.(e)	Load-ing.(f)	Total Wage.
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE.(a)												
30th June—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ..	79 8	17 2	0 3	97 1	81 3	17 2	0 5	98 10	80 5	17 2	0 5	98 0
1952 ..	216 3	38 6	3 8	258 5	216 8	37 5	5 10	259 11	216 6	38 0	4 8	259 2
1953 ..	234 9	39 0	3 4	277 1	233 7	38 11	4 0	276 6	234 2	38 11	3 8	276 9
1954 ..	237 4	39 2	3 4	279 10	237 9	40 0	4 6	282 3	237 6	39 7	3 11	281 0
1955 ..	237 4	52 1	2 4	291 9	237 8	48 9	4 9	291 2	237 6	50 6	3 6	291 6
1956 ..	248 6	53 0	2 4	303 10	250 7	51 6	5 7	307 8	249 5	52 4	3 10	305 7
1957 ..	258 4	54 3	2 5	315 0	259 9	53 3	5 4	318 4	259 0	53 9	3 11	316 8
1958 ..	263 0	54 5	2 6	319 11	264 5	54 8	4 2	323 3	263 8	54 7	3 4	321 7
1959 ..	277 1	55 1	2 7	334 9	270 8	55 6	4 5	330 7	274 0	55 3	3 6	332 9
1960—												
31st Jan. ..	277 2	69 7	3 2	349 11	275 8	61 3	5 1	342 0	276 5	65 6	4 1	346 0
29th Feb. ..	277 2	69 9	3 2	350 1	277 8	63 6	5 0	346 2	277 5	66 7	4 1	348 1
31st March ..	277 2	69 9	3 2	350 1	277 8	65 2	5 1	347 11	277 5	67 5	4 1	348 11
30th April ..	277 2	69 9	3 2	350 1	277 8	65 6	5 1	348 3	277 5	67 8	4 1	349 2
31st May ..	277 5	69 9	3 2	350 4	279 5	66 7	5 1	351 1	278 5	68 2	4 1	350 8
30th June ..	277 5	69 9	3 2	350 4	279 5	67 2	5 1	351 8	278 5	68 5	4 1	350 11
31st July ..	277 5	69 9	3 2	350 4	280 2	67 6	5 1	352 9	278 9	68 8	4 1	351 6
31st Aug. ..	277 9	69 10	3 2	350 9	281 10	67 8	5 1	354 7	279 9	68 10	4 1	352 8
30th Sept. ..	277 9	69 10	3 2	350 9	281 10	67 8	5 1	354 7	279 9	68 10	4 1	352 8
31st Oct. ..	277 9	70 0	3 2	350 11	282 10	67 9	5 1	355 8	280 3	68 11	4 1	353 3
30th Nov. ..	278 2	70 0	3 2	351 4	285 2	68 2	5 4	358 8	281 7	69 1	4 3	354 11
31st Dec. ..	278 2	70 0	3 2	351 4	285 2	68 4	5 3	358 9	281 7	69 2	4 2	354 11
1961—												
31st Jan. ..	278 2	70 1	3 2	351 5	286 4	68 4	5 4	360 0	282 2	69 3	4 3	355 8
28th Feb. ..	278 5	70 2	3 2	351 9	287 6	68 5	5 4	361 3	282 10	69 4	4 3	356 5
31st March ..	278 5	70 2	3 8	352 3	287 6	68 6	5 3	361 3	282 10	69 4	4 5	356 7
30th April ..	278 5	70 2	3 8	352 3	287 6	68 6	5 3	361 3	282 10	69 4	4 5	356 7
31st May ..	278 8	70 2	3 8	352 6	289 6	68 6	5 6	363 6	283 11	69 4	4 7	357 10
30th June ..	278 8	70 3	3 8	352 7	289 6	68 6	5 6	363 6	283 11	69 4	4 7	357 10
31st July ..	289 7	70 3	3 6	363 4	291 10	68 6	5 6	365 10	290 8	69 5	4 6	364 7
31st Aug. ..	289 9	70 4	3 6	363 7	293 11	68 7	5 5	367 11	291 9	69 6	4 5	365 8
30th Sept. ..	289 9	70 4	3 6	363 7	293 11	68 8	5 5	368 0	291 9	69 6	4 6	365 9
31st Oct. ..	289 9	70 5	3 6	363 8	293 9	68 8	5 5	367 10	291 8	69 7	4 5	365 8
30th Nov. ..	289 9	70 5	3 6	363 8	293 5	68 9	5 4	367 6	291 6	69 7	4 5	365 6
31st Dec. ..	289 9	70 6	3 6	363 9	293 5	68 10	5 3	367 6	291 6	69 8	4 5	365 7
1962—												
31st Jan. ..	289 9	70 6	3 10	364 1	293 5	68 11	5 6	367 10	291 6	69 9	4 8	365 11
28th Feb. ..	289 8	70 7	3 9	364 0	293 0	68 11	5 6	367 5	291 3	69 9	4 8	365 8

(a) Weighted averages of minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards determinations and agreements. Excludes Rural. (b) Awards of, or agreements registered with, the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, and determinations of the Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator. (c) Awards or determinations of, or agreements registered with, State industrial tribunals, and certain unregistered agreements. (d) Because of the coverage and method of weighting, these rates differ from the "Six Capitals" Commonwealth basic wage rates shown on page 29. (e) Margins are minimum amounts, in addition to the basic wage, prescribed in awards, etc., as payable to particular classifications for skill, experience, arduousness and other like factors. (f) Loadings are minimum amounts, in addition to the basic wage and margin (if any), awarded for various kinds of disabilities associated with the performance of work, or to meet particular circumstances. They include payments such as industry loadings and other general loadings prescribed in awards, etc., for the occupations included in the Minimum Wage Rate Index.

BASIC WAGES: WEEKLY RATES, ADULT MALES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals.
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COMMONWEALTH BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN).(a)

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1939—September ..	81	0	81	0	76	0	78	0	77	0	77	0	79	0
1947—November ..	112	0	109	0	105	0	106	0	106	0	107	0	109	0
1948—November ..	122	0	120	0	115	0	116	0	116	0	118	0	119	0
1949—November ..	132	0	130	0	125	0	126	0	129	0	128	0	129	0
1950—November ..	146	0	143	0	135	0	137	0	139	0	139	0	142	0
December ..	165	0	162	0	154	0	158	0	160	0	160	0	162	0
1951—November ..	207	0	199	0	185	0	195	0	197	0	199	0	200	0
1952—November ..	237	0	228	0	216	0	229	0	228	0	230	0	231	0
1953—February ..	238	0	229	0	215	0	225	0	229	0	232	0	231	0
May ..	241	0	232	0	217	0	228	0	231	0	239	0	234	0
August ..	243	0	235	0	218	0	231	0	236	0	242	0	236	0
1956—June ..	253	0	245	0	228	0	241	0	246	0	252	0	246	0
1957—15th May ..	263	0	255	0	238	0	251	0	256	0	262	0	256	0
1958—21st May ..	268	0	260	0	243	0	256	0	261	0	267	0	261	0
1959—11th June ..	283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0	282	0	276	0
1961—7th July ..	295	0	287	0	270	0	283	0	288	0	294	0	288	0

STATE BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN).

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	
	(b)		(c)		(d)		(e)		(f)		(g)		
1957—March ..	270	0	263	0	241	0	241	0	266	3	272	0	..
June ..	268	0	263	0	239	0	251	0	268	10	272	0	..
September ..	270	0	263	0	241	0	251	0	272	9	272	0	..
December ..	270	0	263	0	241	0	251	0	272	9	272	0	..
1958—March ..	269	0	263	0	244	0	251	0	268	6	272	0	..
June ..	274	0	263	0	248	0	256	0	268	6	272	0	..
September ..	274	0	263	0	254	0	256	0	272	3	272	0	..
December ..	273	0	263	0	256	0	256	0	273	5	272	0	..
1959—March ..	275	0	263	0	260	0	256	0	273	5	272	0	..
June ..	276	0	275	0	263	0	271	0	275	1	272	0	..
September ..	277	0	275	0	263	0	271	0	278	7	282	0	..
December ..	279	0	275	0	267	0	271	0	281	6	282	0	..
1960—March ..	283	0	275	0	269	0	271	0	281	6	282	0	..
June ..	285	0	275	0	271	0	271	0	286	4	282	0	..
September ..	288	0	275	0	273	0	271	0	292	3	282	0	..
December ..	294	0	275	0	276	0	271	0	294	7	282	0	..
1961—March ..	297	0	275	0	280	0	271	0	296	7	282	0	..
June ..	299	0	275	0	284	0	271	0	299	3	282	0	..
September ..	302	0	287	0	284	0	283	0	300	6	294	0	..
December ..	301	0	287	0	284	0	283	0	298	9	294	0	..
1962—February ..	(g) 300	0	(h) 287	0	(i) 284	0	(j) 283	0	(k) 298	9	(l) 294	0	..

(a) Automatic adjustment in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers discontinued as from 12th September, 1953. Rates operative from beginning of first pay-period commencing in month shown or commencing on or after the date shown. (b) Automatic quarterly adjustments operative. To December, 1961, rates payable from beginning of first pay-period in month prior to that shown. (c) Automatic adjustments discontinued. Commonwealth rates adopted during 1959.

(d) Determined by State industrial tribunal—to March, 1961, after considering retail price index numbers; thereafter, only after a full inquiry. (e) Rates same as Commonwealth basic wage rates. (f) Determined each quarter by State industrial tribunal, after considering retail price index numbers. (g) Payable from first pay-period in February.

(h) During July and August, 1961, Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate. (i) 29th May, 1961. (j) 10th July, 1961. (k) 30th October, 1961. (l) Most Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate from July, 1961.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.(a)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment), from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the Defence Forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES PAID (£'000).							
1954-55	17,970	12,901	5,601	3,940	2,928	1,399	44,739
1955-56	19,764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956-57	20,943	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957-58	21,664	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1958-59	22,414	16,240	6,970	4,823	3,347	1,725	55,519
1959-60	24,816	18,123	7,441	5,392	3,618	1,878	61,268
1960-61	26,884	19,198	7,853	5,670	3,891	1,952	65,448
1959-60—							
December Quarter ..	25,476	18,451	7,625	5,423	3,688	1,887	62,550
March „ ..	23,878	17,658	7,086	5,288	3,487	1,842	59,239
June „ ..	26,356	18,994	7,614	5,609	3,764	2,016	64,353
1960-61—							
September „ ..	26,326	19,020	7,981	5,652	3,879	1,873	64,731
December „ ..	28,332	20,207	8,202	5,876	4,005	1,984	68,606
March „ ..	25,722	18,514	7,312	5,503	3,697	1,928	62,676
June „ ..	27,158	19,049	7,916	5,646	3,984	2,024	65,777
1961-62—							
September „ ..	26,360	18,908	8,040	5,651	3,977	1,919	64,855
December „ ..	28,495	20,114	8,199	5,953	4,122	2,049	68,932

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(d)							
1954-55	17.64	17.59	15.58	16.83	16.11	16.54	17.13
1955-56	18.92	18.78	16.49	17.88	16.92	17.75	18.28
1956-57	19.89	19.70	17.50	18.28	17.48	18.79	19.16
1957-58	20.44	20.22	17.94	18.68	18.05	18.95	19.67
1958-59	21.04	20.69	18.63	19.10	18.19	19.33	20.19
1959-60	22.77	22.28	19.89	20.61	19.46	20.71	21.76
1960-61	24.04	23.34	21.02	21.39	20.59	21.32	22.89
1959-60—							
December Quarter ..	23.47	22.68	20.48	20.82	19.87	20.91	22.28
March „ ..	21.78	21.52	19.08	20.09	18.73	20.10	20.94
June „ ..	23.84	23.30	20.23	21.22	20.11	21.98	22.66
1960-61—							
September „ ..	23.65	23.25	21.05	21.35	20.58	20.62	22.68
December „ ..	25.16	24.44	21.90	22.11	21.11	21.68	23.87
March „ ..	22.87	22.32	19.78	20.70	19.58	20.90	21.83
June „ ..	24.49	23.37	21.33	21.39	21.11	22.09	23.17
1961-62—							
September „ ..	23.93	23.58	21.70	21.66	21.08	21.29	23.05
December „ ..	25.59	24.84	22.54	22.54	21.73	22.67	24.35

(a) Includes, in addition to wages at award rates, earnings of salaried employees, overtime earnings, over-award and bonus payments, etc. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory.

(d) Total wages and salaries, etc. divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. As it is not possible to estimate the ratio of female to male earnings in the several States, the same ratio has been used for each State. Because the actual ratio may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

BUILDING APPROVALS(a): AUSTRALIA.

As from the July, 1960 issue of the *Review*, the statistics of building approvals on pages 31 to 33 replace the statistics of building permits previously shown. The new series uses a uniform approach in recording the numbers of individual houses and flats, adopts a more uniform classification of "government" and "private", and gives a slightly wider coverage.

Period.	Houses and Flats.						Other New Buildings.		Alterations (b) and Additions.		Total.
	Private. (c)		Government. (c)		Total.		Private. (c)	Government. (c)	Private. (c)	Government. (c)	
	Number. (d)	Value.	Number. (d)	Value.	Number. (d)	Value.	Value.	Value.	Value.		
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Monthly Average—											
1953–54(e)	5,392	13,588	1,372	3,070	6,764	16,658	4,606	2,113	3,251	407	27,035
1954–55 ..	5,622	15,408	1,563	3,700	7,185	19,108	6,301	3,507	3,849	537	33,302
1955–56 ..	5,268	15,367	1,047	2,633	6,315	18,000	8,169	4,986	4,179	806	36,140
1956–57 ..	5,189	15,342	1,122	2,862	6,311	18,204	6,564	3,251	3,991	831	32,841
1957–58 ..	5,846	17,606	1,181	3,173	7,027	20,779	7,193	4,007	4,374	789	37,142
1958–59 ..	6,308	19,108	1,190	3,188	7,498	22,296	8,639	4,503	4,906	970	41,314
1959–60 ..	7,587	23,581	1,066	3,031	8,653	26,612	11,251	5,673	5,827	947	50,310
1960–61 ..	6,446	21,324	r1,355	r3,709	r7,801	r25,033	12,126	6,487	5,752	781	r50,179
Monthly Total—											
1959–60—											
February	7,260	22,438	1,153	3,312	8,413	25,750	7,689	4,512	4,956	602	43,509
March ..	9,725	29,968	1,092	3,078	10,817	33,046	11,568	6,588	7,574	1,166	59,942
April ..	7,314	22,540	704	1,878	8,018	24,418	8,913	7,542	5,829	693	47,395
May ..	9,541	30,620	863	2,647	10,404	33,267	14,970	4,853	6,685	808	60,583
June ..	8,256	27,382	1,343	4,046	9,599	31,428	13,642	6,914	5,978	737	58,699
1960–61—											
July ..	8,106	26,112	1,285	3,185	9,391	29,297	12,668	9,698	6,519	693	58,875
August ..	9,170	30,494	1,226	3,326	10,396	33,820	13,448	4,385	6,568	900	59,121
September	8,448	26,972	r987	r2,870	r9,435	r29,842	12,631	11,846	6,424	577	r61,320
October..	8,187	27,099	2,382	5,993	10,569	33,092	12,981	6,216	6,480	753	59,522
November	7,376	23,904	1,286	3,531	8,662	27,435	20,306	6,983	6,096	525	61,345
December	5,299	18,103	1,355	3,612	6,654	21,715	12,410	4,651	4,987	479	44,242
January..	4,812	15,738	788	2,298	5,600	18,036	8,356	2,468	4,781	919	34,560
February	5,084	16,936	r885	r2,591	r5,969	r19,527	9,376	5,617	5,607	1,251	r41,378
March ..	5,107	17,172	1,234	3,067	6,341	20,239	9,772	7,033	5,766	774	43,584
April ..	4,552	15,422	819	2,288	5,371	17,710	6,459	3,391	4,890	759	33,209
May ..	5,850	19,667	1,316	3,815	7,166	23,482	15,710	7,400	5,855	604	53,051
June ..	5,363	18,270	2,699	7,928	8,062	26,198	9,241	10,303	5,059	1,134	51,935
1961–62—											
July ..	5,818	19,498	1,197	3,323	7,015	22,821	8,720	5,393	5,568	1,189	43,691
August ..	6,950	23,891	775	2,362	7,725	26,253	14,745	6,193	6,774	648	54,613
September	5,540	18,732	1,483	4,369	7,023	23,101	12,156	11,201	6,277	484	53,219
October..	6,066	20,615	1,099	3,143	7,165	23,758	7,888	11,496	6,124	467	49,733
November	6,394	21,485	1,014	3,045	7,408	24,530	15,142	7,650	6,530	356	54,208
December	4,397	14,721	1,531	4,319	5,928	19,040	9,854	6,881	4,020	202	39,997
January..	4,842	16,360	517	1,604	5,359	17,964	8,295	6,548	4,682	1,148	38,637
February	5,551	18,855	921	2,536	6,472	21,391	11,693	6,115	5,178	457	44,834
March ..	6,474	21,870	1,012	2,871	7,486	24,741	12,268	9,313	7,041	907	54,270

(a) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. (b) In all States, except New South Wales, additions of £5,000 and over are included with new buildings.

(c) Building is classified as "Government" or "Private" according to ownership. (d) Number of individual living units. (e) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbols r, —, see page 1.

BUILDING APPROVALS.

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED.(a)

(Including alterations and additions.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland. (b)	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Monthly Average—									
1953-54 ..	10,139	8,145	3,022	2,099	2,700	930	n.a.	n.a.	(c)27,035
1954-55 ..	12,093	9,506	3,537	3,266	3,103	1,044	172	581	33,302
1955-56 ..	13,529	11,065	3,879	3,862	2,250	1,033	154	368	36,140
1956-57 ..	11,973	9,748	3,851	3,025	2,350	1,280	108	506	32,841
1957-58 ..	13,332	11,414	4,414	3,584	2,334	1,112	202	750	37,142
1958-59 ..	15,426	12,623	4,542	3,911	2,357	1,150	219	1,086	41,314
1959-60 ..	19,488	14,993	5,455	4,428	2,889	1,631	312	1,114	50,310
1960-61 ..	18,773	13,825	6,118	5,568	3,006	r1,272	249	1,368	r50,179
Monthly Total—									
1959-60—									
February ..	16,294	12,969	4,702	4,546	2,439	1,367	293	899	43,509
March ..	24,702	18,842	6,224	4,342	3,287	1,465	190	890	59,942
April ..	20,194	13,362	4,791	3,984	3,411	1,277	87	289	47,395
May ..	25,758	17,060	5,808	4,376	4,016	1,669	807	1,089	60,583
June ..	19,486	19,061	7,233	5,214	3,486	1,887	538	1,794	58,699
1960-61—									
July ..	23,554	19,544	6,354	4,581	2,883	1,219	246	494	58,875
August ..	22,221	19,154	7,032	4,724	3,244	1,718	174	854	59,121
September ..	23,684	13,912	8,413	5,244	3,291	r1,796	174	4,806	r61,320
October ..	22,787	17,405	6,589	7,312	3,375	1,007	133	914	59,522
November ..	18,333	19,186	6,040	10,632	3,591	1,589	119	1,855	61,345
December ..	18,884	12,303	4,874	3,061	2,732	1,052	123	1,213	44,242
January ..	14,429	7,650	4,883	2,974	2,708	851	328	737	34,560
February ..	16,948	9,910	4,035	6,570	2,069	r1,057	428	361	r41,378
March ..	15,850	12,022	5,226	5,567	2,996	1,071	221	631	43,584
April ..	12,377	8,907	4,849	2,470	2,442	1,287	476	401	33,209
May ..	19,053	12,872	9,421	5,644	3,128	1,331	249	1,353	53,051
June ..	17,155	13,037	5,697	8,042	3,608	1,292	309	2,795	51,935
1961-62—									
July ..	18,102	10,455	4,997	3,559	3,214	1,776	693	895	43,691
August ..	22,352	13,955	5,374	5,391	3,409	2,587	183	1,362	54,613
September ..	22,017	12,457	5,069	5,577	4,145	1,921	126	1,907	53,219
October ..	21,122	13,062	5,119	3,594	4,067	1,191	363	1,215	49,733
November ..	21,886	13,603	5,021	6,592	3,160	1,150	291	2,505	54,208
December ..	15,062	10,653	4,697	3,559	3,373	1,474	167	1,012	39,997
January ..	17,184	10,740	3,587	2,718	2,203	1,159	325	721	38,637
February ..	13,662	13,664	5,165	6,117	2,929	1,428	332	1,537	44,834
March ..	19,280	13,511	7,280	4,186	3,545	2,557	494	3,417	54,270

(a) See note (a) page 31.

(b) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards, not previously collected.

(c) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r., —, see page 1.

BUILDING APPROVALS.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED.(a)

(Individual living units.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Monthly Average—									
1953-54 ..	2,554	1,820	926	512	734	218	n.a.	n.a.	(b)6,764
1954-55 ..	2,490	2,013	838	752	751	234	27	80	7,185
1955-56 ..	2,127	1,881	809	678	518	222	24	56	6,315
1956-57 ..	2,309	1,760	825	584	525	229	14	65	6,311
1957-58 ..	2,505	2,008	907	780	482	212	27	106	7,027
1958-59 ..	2,929	2,066	952	708	455	219	31	138	7,498
1959-60 ..	3,484	2,422	1,039	777	537	228	37	129	8,653
1960-61 ..	3,058	1,966	993	892	510	r202	32	148	r7,801
Monthly Total									
1959-60—									
February ..	3,107	2,261	1,003	1,165	456	221	64	136	8,413
March ..	4,611	3,089	1,190	927	597	238	42	123	10,817
April ..	3,364	2,242	1,094	606	495	174	12	31	8,018
May ..	4,282	2,910	1,231	796	810	263	43	69	10,404
June ..	3,849	2,970	1,045	762	463	274	56	180	9,599
1960-61—									
July ..	3,706	2,524	1,090	1,120	581	252	35	83	9,391
August ..	4,051	3,153	1,326	840	607	233	19	167	10,396
September ..	3,835	2,366	1,158	937	606	r253	12	268	r9,435
October ..	3,733	2,773	1,213	1,920	606	217	26	81	10,569
November ..	3,267	2,182	972	1,161	567	228	9	276	8,662
December ..	2,560	1,738	799	762	427	208	26	134	6,654
January ..	2,427	1,051	828	627	333	154	73	107	5,600
February ..	2,830	1,261	727	462	411	r177	74	27	r5,969
March ..	2,667	1,495	834	671	407	179	21	67	6,341
April ..	2,205	1,240	869	391	440	147	49	30	5,371
May ..	2,928	1,693	1,177	466	498	192	34	178	7,166
June ..	2,492	2,112	920	1,345	635	185	12	361	8,062
1961-62—									
July ..	2,968	1,630	949	603	505	217	13	130	7,015
August ..	3,029	2,016	996	610	558	278	30	208	7,725
September ..	2,613	1,668	815	1,101	554	213	12	47	7,023
October ..	2,836	1,883	960	487	619	219	60	101	7,165
November ..	2,861	1,848	865	784	684	228	45	93	7,408
December ..	2,204	1,616	619	591	572	211	30	85	5,928
January ..	2,234	1,217	684	484	426	149	42	123	5,359
February ..	2,121	1,857	828	675	660	183	81	67	6,472
March ..	2,733	1,966	973	629	722	293	67	103	7,486

(a) See note (a), page 31.

(b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS: AUSTRALIA.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1955-56	53,021	41,171	94,192	56,565	31,602	88,167	156,393	218,652	375,045
1956-57	52,355	37,551	89,906	52,434	37,957	90,391	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957-58	57,259	37,861	95,120	57,875	48,410	106,285	163,698	191,497	355,195
1958-59	63,698	44,395	108,093	65,919	45,074	110,993	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959-60	73,164	57,814	130,978	71,371	50,415	121,786	170,924	227,532	398,456
1960-61	74,801	63,204	138,005	78,429	60,276	138,705	160,839	246,344	407,183
Quarterly Total—									
1959-60—									
Sept. Qtr. ..	69,063	61,214	130,277	69,183	52,555	121,738	160,739	203,441	364,180
Dec. „ ..	68,639	50,314	118,953	73,102	49,364	122,466	157,096	205,469	362,565
Mar. „ ..	73,118	56,469	129,587	67,592	49,002	116,594	163,648	213,449	377,097
June „ ..	81,836	63,258	145,094	75,608	50,739	126,347	170,924	227,532	398,456
1960-61—									
Sept. „ ..	86,205	67,041	153,246	78,641	52,258	130,899	179,696	242,527	422,223
Dec. „ ..	81,331	67,965	149,296	85,532	63,723	149,255	176,479	250,719	427,198
Mar. „ ..	67,307	57,911	125,218	73,790	63,747	137,537	171,417	246,124	417,541
June „ ..	64,361	59,898	124,259	75,753	61,376	137,129	160,839	246,344	407,183
1961-62—									
Sept. „ ..	72,378	62,276	134,654	73,932	57,363	131,295	160,349	252,874	413,223
Dec. „ ..	65,031	61,550	126,581	77,559	66,609	144,168	148,802	250,112	398,914

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Quarterly Average—									
1955-56	31,035	27,899	7,630	8,429	8,419	3,199	484	1,072	88,167
1956-57	33,274	28,708	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	571	1,485	90,391
1957-58	42,310	32,939	9,510	9,512	6,816	3,210	528	1,460	106,285
1958-59	39,960	34,359	11,250	11,099	7,566	3,362	647	2,750	110,993
1959-60	44,436	37,041	12,551	11,910	7,530	3,951	640	3,727	121,786
1960-61	52,297	40,788	14,826	13,467	9,006	4,253	779	3,289	138,705
Quarterly Total—									
1959-60—									
Sept. Qtr. ..	43,363	35,644	12,066	11,313	7,261	3,739	635	7,717	121,738
Dec. „ ..	41,694	40,131	13,890	12,206	8,380	3,162	595	2,408	122,466
Mar. „ ..	44,854	35,023	11,586	11,664	6,394	3,857	730	2,486	116,594
June „ ..	47,834	37,364	12,663	12,457	8,085	5,045	601	2,298	126,347
1960-61—									
Sept. „ ..	46,364	42,960	13,597	12,313	8,797	3,251	685	2,932	130,899
Dec. „ ..	53,334	42,146	18,062	15,845	10,617	4,513	538	4,200	149,255
Mar. „ ..	54,369	40,196	14,976	12,373	8,479	3,894	729	2,521	137,537
June „ ..	55,119	37,850	12,669	13,335	8,132	5,356	1,166	3,502	137,129
1961-62—									
Sept. „ ..	49,314	40,881	14,132	11,405	7,134	4,125	728	3,576	131,295
Dec. „ ..	56,839	39,237	14,073	14,679	9,199	4,474	743	4,924	144,168

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
COMMENCED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1955-56	6,096	5,490	1,847	2,127	1,672	631	85	207	18,155
1956-57	6,080	5,190	1,963	1,782	1,429	665	63	192	17,364
1957-58	6,461	5,804	1,836	1,863	1,390	616	78	289	18,337
1958-59	7,372	6,067	2,222	2,219	1,368	692	83	399	20,422
1959-60	8,453	6,681	2,570	2,431	1,565	635	106	395	22,836
1960-61	8,808	5,797	2,588	2,460	1,512	594	104	359	22,222
Quarterly Total—									
1959-60—Mar. Qtr.	7,950	6,718	2,560	2,564	1,707	582	104	384	22,569
June ..	9,749	7,255	2,787	2,363	1,674	665	114	350	24,957
1960-61—Sept. ..	9,635	7,474	2,883	2,783	1,743	702	98	320	25,638
Dec. ..	9,403	6,764	2,498	2,476	1,567	554	85	579	23,926
Mar. ..	8,571	4,484	2,626	2,181	1,339	583	95	257	20,136
June ..	7,623	4,467	2,344	2,399	1,402	538	137	279	19,189
1961-62—Sept. ..	8,033	5,510	2,674	2,504	1,669	664	117	376	21,547
Dec. ..	7,272	5,160	2,209	1,919	1,562	630	97	323	19,172
Mar. .. p	7,311	5,430	2,290	2,210	1,785	638	147	396	20,207
COMPLETED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1955-56	6,786	5,981	1,899	1,952	2,086	693	78	151	19,626
1956-57	5,782	5,270	1,848	1,856	1,349	716	82	206	17,109
1957-58	6,611	5,618	1,922	1,994	1,592	652	68	189	18,646
1958-59	7,508	6,441	2,214	2,196	1,514	677	89	401	21,040
1959-60	8,352	6,555	2,481	2,395	1,565	668	85	404	22,505
1960-61	9,099	6,569	2,651	2,566	1,603	665	101	362	23,616
Quarterly Total—									
1959-60—Mar. Qtr.	7,983	5,901	2,307	2,337	1,367	652	92	313	20,952
June ..	9,054	6,928	2,544	2,363	1,665	726	79	404	23,763
1960-61—Sept. ..	8,589	7,181	2,867	2,673	1,580	676	114	354	24,034
Dec. ..	9,427	7,664	3,015	2,796	1,814	735	108	486	26,045
Mar. ..	9,502	5,571	2,320	2,231	1,496	552	80	287	22,039
June ..	8,879	5,861	2,401	2,563	1,523	699	101	320	22,347
1961-62—Sept. ..	8,168	5,777	2,505	2,325	1,549	591	75	481	21,471
Dec. ..	8,381	5,978	2,609	2,709	1,723	622	108	486	22,616
Mar. .. p	7,602	5,371	2,358	2,025	1,426	644	110	416	19,952
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
1955-56	18,103	18,978	3,213	6,373	4,596	2,375	240	1,057	54,935
1956-57	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,869
1957-58	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958-59	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1959-60	18,501	18,409	3,716	5,749	3,529	1,957	262	1,354	53,477
1960-61	17,336	15,321	3,464	5,325	3,167	1,672	274	1,342	47,901
1959-60—Mar. Qtr. ..	17,806	18,082	3,473	5,749	3,520	2,018	227	1,408	52,283
June ..	18,501	18,409	3,716	5,749	3,529	1,957	262	1,354	53,477
1960-61—Sept. ..	19,547	18,702	3,732	5,859	3,692	1,983	246	1,320	55,081
Dec. ..	19,523	17,802	3,215	5,539	3,445	1,802	223	1,413	52,962
Mar. ..	18,592	16,715	3,521	5,489	3,288	1,833	238	1,383	51,059
June ..	17,336	15,321	3,464	5,325	3,167	1,672	274	1,342	47,901
1961-62—Sept. ..	17,201	15,054	3,633	5,504	3,287	1,745	316	1,237	47,977
Dec. ..	16,092	14,236	3,233	4,714	3,126	1,753	305	1,074	44,533
Mar. .. p	15,801	14,295	3,165	4,899	3,485	1,747	342	1,054	44,788

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include "home units".

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Coal.		Heat, Light and Power.		Iron and Steel.			Gold. (Mine Pro- duction). (c)	Refined Metals.(a)			
	Black.	Brown.	Gas made in Gas works.	Total Electric- ity Gen- erated.	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel. (b)	Tin- plate.		Lead. (d)	Copper.	Zinc. (e)	Alum- inium.
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	million therms. (f)	million kWh.	'000 tons. (g)	'000 tons. (g)	tons. (g)	'000 fine oz	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	977	258	8.9	331	76.1	90.0	..	108.2	17,562	1,280	5,840	..
1937-38 ..	990	300	9.3	363	77.5	97.2	..	123.3	18,797	1,437	5,810	..
1938-39 ..	1,051	267	9.4	391	92.1	97.5	..	135.1	19,416	1,457	5,819	..
1954-55 ..	1,613	806	18.4	1,267	155.7	184.1	..	90.0	19,613	2,533	8,376	..
1955-56 ..	1,586	865	18.9	1,398	159.2	193.4	..	86.0	18,372	2,039	8,664	460
1956-57 ..	1,643	898	19.6	1,524	174.8	231.2	..	88.5	19,983	2,711	8,691	833
1957-58 ..	1,697	906	20.0	1,650	190.3	253.1	3,398	90.3	21,352	2,987	9,416	893
1958-59 ..	1,705	1,020	20.4	1,767	191.2	267.0	6,433	91.7	19,912	3,772	9,559	946
1959-60 ..	1,769	1,175	21.4	1,933	221.3	293.3	7,315	90.6	19,776	5,404	9,816	947
1960-61 p ..	1,915	1,310	22.1	2,089	250.9	311.4	8,986	89.2	18,965	5,749	10,495	1,008
Monthly Total—												
1959-60—												
January ..	1,300	1,062	16.5	1,721	215.1	285.2	8,215	79.3	21,708	4,186	9,840	893
February ..	1,722	1,124	17.2	1,752	194.5	275.2	7,775	80.6	20,700	6,187	9,245	929
March ..	1,980	1,169	19.1	1,914	219.3	297.4	8,419	93.5	19,697	5,637	9,942	944
April ..	1,673	1,130	20.0	1,857	239.2	294.4	8,286	94.3	18,881	6,241	9,707	964
May ..	1,958	1,293	25.2	2,159	247.8	314.7	8,275	81.4	19,465	6,428	10,054	965
June ..	1,971	1,337	27.0	2,195	248.5	305.1	8,636	96.9	20,360	6,327	9,184	1,004
1960-61 p—												
July ..	1,974	1,397	28.1	2,312	239.3	309.3	9,160	90.3	21,661	4,569	10,500	946
August ..	2,211	1,417	27.4	2,303	251.9	332.2	9,000	90.1	20,321	6,534	10,366	1,028
September ..	2,057	1,333	24.0	2,121	243.2	309.7	7,740	94.5	20,255	5,507	9,974	983
October ..	1,970	1,299	22.4	2,081	255.6	315.2	8,600	96.5	19,911	6,240	10,460	1,010
November ..	2,079	1,239	21.0	2,030	249.0	312.6	9,020	90.7	18,649	7,225	10,287	958
December ..	1,674	1,167	19.2	1,946	278.5	336.3	8,498	98.5	20,918	5,594	10,680	1,031
January ..	1,001	1,203	17.1	1,873	235.4	256.5	9,163	81.9	19,572	5,160	10,632	914
February ..	1,953	1,204	16.8	1,859	233.2	281.6	8,779	83.4	18,176	5,179	9,859	921
March ..	2,184	1,259	19.1	2,048	263.5	325.3	10,341	82.0	17,480	5,937	11,057	1,035
April ..	1,437	1,269	19.8	1,949	241.4	320.8	9,192	97.2	17,284	5,652	10,875	1,037
May ..	2,291	1,495	24.9	2,285	272.0	332.3	9,705	81.8	17,511	5,598	11,352	1,110
June ..	2,148	1,441	25.9	2,266	279.2	330.6	7,564	84.0	15,841	5,791	9,894	1,128
1961-62 p—												
July ..	r2,238	r1,482	28.4	2,408	293.4	351.7	7,893	88.5	18,360	5,600	12,455	1,202
August ..	r2,384	r1,574	27.1	2,388	291.6	338.0	7,955	97.2	18,278	6,422	12,196	1,105
September ..	r2,177	r1,361	23.5	2,156	271.4	339.2	7,663	90.6	17,552	6,594	12,990	1,111
October ..	2,301	1,369	21.1	2,132	251.9	337.6	8,011	100.5	15,199	5,019	12,653	1,240
November ..	2,269	1,414	19.9	2,094	233.0	311.4	7,299	89.7	15,300	3,945	12,029	1,197
December ..	1,645	1,206	18.7	2,002	293.4	347.7	8,029	93.7	19,865	3,114	12,702	1,204
January ..	r1,203	1,241	17.6	2,018	299.2	338.6	9,803	82.3	20,608	4,153	11,588	
February ..	2,058	1,267	17.1	1,980	268.7	308.2	8,048	82.2	17,864		11,115	
March ..			19.4	2,182	302.4	345.4	11,608					

(a) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (d) Includes lead content of antimonial lead and of lead-silver bullion produced for export. (e) Refined slab; includes small quantities of metal recovered from zinc dust used in works. (f) 1 Therm = 100,000 British Thermal Units. (g) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols p, r, ..., see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS AND FLOOR COVERINGS.

Period.	Building Materials.								Building Fittings.			Floor Coverings. <i>(b)</i>
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (<i>a</i>)	Port-land Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Hard-board.	Baths—C.I.P.E. and Other Metal.	Wash Basins—C.I.P.E. and Earthenware.	Sinks—Stainless Steel.	
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.									
	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (<i>c</i>)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds. (<i>d</i>)	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	'000 sq. yds.
Monthly Average—												
1936–37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937–38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71	619	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1938–39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72	634	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1954–55 ..	69.9	5,328	4,477	2,340	120.8	160	1,482	1,653	10,873	12,775	15,585	771
1955–56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,482	2,208	120.8	170	1,510	1,885	9,927	11,766	13,832	827
1956–57 ..	67.1	4,806	3,716	2,120	118.2	181	1,355	1,871	8,742	11,500	13,174	936
1957–58 ..	73.2	4,911	4,122	2,169	115.9	191	1,507	2,036	9,476	12,648	14,740	984
1958–59 ..	78.3	4,936	4,355	2,237	121.7	207	1,528	2,418	10,136	13,217	15,384	1,066
1959–60 ..	85.8	4,739	4,741	2,559	126.8	219	1,550	2,637	10,429	14,094	16,240	1,301
1960–61 p ..	88.4	4,612	4,445	2,366	116.4	238	1,415	2,525	9,672	13,709	15,285	1,217
Monthly Total—												
1959–60—												
January ..	56.9	3,159	3,137	1,444	95.4	171	1,104	1,853	7,509	9,383	12,104	728
February ..	85.7	4,674	4,397	2,601	117.2	212	1,594	2,633	10,750	12,774	15,700	1,374
March ..	99.2	5,187	5,319	2,554	130.7	228	1,754	3,160	13,284	17,544	16,559	1,409
April ..	81.9	4,556	4,528	2,405	115.3	221	1,470	2,549	9,963	15,033	14,854	1,180
May ..	94.8	4,862	5,421	2,647	129.7	231	1,626	3,197	12,071	16,005	16,718	1,504
June ..	91.5	5,182	5,029	2,593	138.3	234	1,621	3,104	10,917	14,171	14,391	1,481
1960–61 p—												
July ..	91.2	4,556	5,115	2,657	127.5	243	1,577	2,822	10,948	13,617	16,592	1,524
August ..	101.1	5,433	5,458	2,817	133.2	245	1,696	2,985	11,983	15,095	18,988	1,638
September ..	97.9	4,844	5,274	2,790	144.5	253	1,640	2,917	10,733	14,983	17,260	1,655
October ..	96.0	4,723	5,322	2,894	135.4	252	1,598	2,824	10,651	14,736	17,649	1,565
November ..	102.1	5,601	5,421	2,818	133.3	247	1,645	3,012	11,754	17,847	18,371	1,591
December ..	78.9	3,863	4,124	1,911	111.2	218	1,207	2,087	9,068	12,583	14,170	1,171
January ..	65.1	2,917	3,369	1,532	85.0	193	1,087	1,799	6,813	10,703	10,560	615
February ..	85.0	4,807	4,039	2,421	101.6	228	1,351	2,570	8,950	12,371	12,765	1,143
March ..	91.6	4,840	3,884	2,128	107.7	256	1,365	2,696	7,764	14,195	13,464	1,110
April ..	75.6	4,241	3,297	1,954	94.0	231	1,198	2,083	8,141	11,606	12,423	844
May ..	93.1	5,158	4,178	2,366	105.7	251	1,332	2,307	10,123	13,597	16,453	840
June ..	83.7	4,366	3,862	2,100	117.6	243	1,286	2,197	9,136	13,172	14,719	907
1961–62 p—			r									
July ..	84.8	4,426	3,883	2,406	105.6	242	1,217	2,492	8,632	13,654	13,963	751
August ..	91.3	4,728	4,725	2,575	118.1	249	1,280	2,673	10,420	13,194	17,344	955
September ..	86.7	4,169	4,455	2,539	112.2	239	1,161	2,776	9,442	13,499	16,094	1,256
October ..	86.3	4,401	4,475	2,220	119.8	245	1,253	2,438	10,154	13,447	17,014	1,056
November ..	82.8	4,550	4,572	2,397	118.4	229	1,313	2,662	10,095	14,880	19,040	1,149
December ..	64.2	3,373	3,497	1,813	r99.1	207	982	1,728	6,703	12,521	14,077	987
January ..	53.7	2,886	3,482	1,559	79.8	175	951	1,711	6,966	9,008	10,214	r610
February ..	r80.3	4,292	4,031	2,097	101.2	207	1,275	2,360	9,884	13,182	12,340	1,211
March ..	92.3					244		2 446				1,443

(a) Australian grown. Includes timber for sawn sleepers. Source (for 1960-61 and later periods): Commonwealth Forestry and Timber Bureau and Victorian Forests Commission. (b) Excludes underfelts and underlays. (c) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (d) From July, 1955, represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ELECTRIC MOTORS AND ENGINES.

Period.	Domestic Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.	Domestic Clothes Washing Machines.	Radios and Radiograms.	Television Sets.(c)	Room Air Conditioners. (d)	Electric Motors.		Internal Combustion Engines—Petrol. (e)
	Solid Fuel.	Gas(a)—Upright or Elevated.	Electric—Fixed Ranges. (b)						Under 1 h.p.	1 h.p. and over.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000.	'000.	No.
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	15,243	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	223
1937-38 ..	f4,562	(f)3,481	(f) 749	1,257	n.a.	17,834	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	415
1938-39 ..	f4,538	(f)3,894	(f) 730	2,458	n.a.	13,652	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	157
1954-55 ..	4,147	4,897	3,929	23,381	13,859	38,003	..	n.a.	93.6	5.0	3,801
1955-56 ..	3,942	4,753	3,984	20,617	13,797	38,168	220	169	87.9	5.1	8,382
1956-57 ..	3,834	4,550	4,323	16,293	12,035	30,524	10,103	282	74.9	4.7	15,042
1957-58 ..	3,603	4,663	4,588	16,327	13,675	31,729	23,536	390	88.8	5.1	15,527
1958-59 ..	3,288	5,531	5,315	18,316	15,016	31,526	26,368	1,061	104.0	5.5	24,186
1959-60 ..	3,071	6,634	6,192	19,763	16,823	33,549	36,508	3,339	128.8	8.2	24,326
1960-61p ..	2,613	6,093	5,770	18,107	16,288	37,597	25,985	5,611	r144.8	r9.3	r15,308
Monthly Total—											
1959-60—											
January ..	1,871	3,999	3,676	16,836	11,159	27,688	18,447	4,357	97.4	6.3	33,832
February ..	2,856	6,833	6,249	17,760	16,602	37,679	26,135	4,143	132.0	8.2	20,572
March ..	3,095	6,927	7,816	17,343	22,725	40,143	34,215	1,881	145.3	11.5	13,613
April ..	2,659	5,493	6,016	10,209	16,918	34,123	32,486	610	114.1	6.7	5,870
May ..	3,084	6,226	6,813	13,007	19,823	31,104	45,957	1,192	136.7	9.3	4,226
June ..	3,204	5,855	5,578	16,466	20,473	26,008	49,736	1,822	147.5	11.0	6,901
1960-61 p—									r	r	
July ..	3,677	6,323	5,242	16,785	19,557	25,463	48,289	2,429	144.9	10.0	12,292
August ..	3,972	8,588	7,469	25,228	19,344	41,617	50,405	7,449	173.2	10.2	r13,937
September ..	3,414	7,668	7,052	31,178	19,979	48,018	42,494	9,011	188.4	12.2	21,704
October ..	2,734	7,138	6,871	29,473	18,421	63,511	27,173	11,710	175.7	10.7	29,530
November ..	3,073	7,411	8,063	34,410	17,916	72,417	20,443	12,332	217.6	11.0	33,502
December ..	2,157	5,994	5,910	22,117	13,839	50,160	15,401	11,474	158.1	8.4	30,999
January ..	1,302	4,077	4,438	12,438	10,021	29,275	8,958	6,008	110.5	7.2	15,814
February ..	1,718	6,171	5,661	10,248	13,960	36,026	11,943	2,479	126.8	9.0	10,877
March ..	2,284	5,653	5,119	9,734	15,400	25,923	16,291	1,628	113.5	9.4	4,196
April ..	2,026	4,470	4,266	7,021	13,323	15,395	16,641	700	91.6	7.4	3,778
May ..	2,578	4,742	4,590	8,788	16,497	20,944	28,147	1,379	113.7	9.1	2,595
June ..	2,419	4,879	4,554	9,863	17,203	22,418	25,630	737	104.2	7.3	4,471
1961-62 p—									r	r	
July ..	2,954	5,473	4,717	11,500	16,903	23,727	26,525	948	105.6	7.5	11,085
August ..	3,127	6,417	5,667	17,554	20,062	27,242	24,132	1,683	125.1	8.2	12,970
September ..	2,661	5,433	5,552	22,505	20,506	35,030	21,793	4,023	139.9	5.9	26,175
October ..	2,392	7,522	6,902	23,669	18,491	37,750	18,231	4,470	152.1	6.6	38,391
November ..	2,106	7,258	7,470	27,943	20,948	45,960	19,191	4,805	172.7	7.6	31,081
December ..	1,701	5,559	5,632	20,082	15,111	34,265	15,498	3,619	128.5	5.9	13,317
January ..	1,413	3,955	3,893	16,312	13,486	20,126	12,972	r3,128	114.2	5.4	11,636
February ..	1,787	5,224	6,371	16,465	17,574	29,129	r21,117	2,103	136.8	6.3	17,689
March ..				16,314	21,166	30,645	27,588		142.9	7.0	13,309

(a) Town or liquefied petroleum gas stoves or ranges with oven. (b) Having at least one hot plate and at least one oven separately heated with a total rating in excess of ten amperes but not more than fifteen kilowatts. (c) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player. (d) Includes package unit air conditioners. (e) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, aero, etc., and marine engines. (f) Includes domestic, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers.

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PRODUCTION OF FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar. (a)	Whole Milk for all Purposes.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (carcass weight).				Beer. (b)	Tobacco Cigars and Cigarettes. (c)
				Butter.	Cheese.	Pro-cessed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef and Veal.	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pigmeat.		
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(d)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 lb.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	6,261	1,805
1937-38 ..	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	7,084	1,904
1938-39 ..	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	7,523	1,939
1954-55 ..	129.4	40.1	110.5	15,667	3,765	5,364	60.0	20.0	12.3	8.3	18,473	3,706
1955-56 ..	130.9	41.0	116.8	17,149	3,223	5,944	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	18,958	3,842
1956-57 ..	136.0	40.0	113.2	15,820	3,764	6,510	67.9	18.6	11.9	7.4	18,394	4,129
1957-58 ..	110.1	41.1	105.4	14,410	2,991	6,655	65.9	22.5	12.6	8.5	18,871	4,255
1958-59 ..	113.9	43.2	114.2	15,910	3,619	6,756	75.5	25.9	15.1	8.8	18,633	4,371
1959-60 ..	125.6	45.0	117.2	16,251	3,702	6,886	62.7	30.9	16.9	8.6	19,306	4,563
1960-61 p ..	130.9	43.9	111.7	14,952	3,883	6,414	53.5	30.4	17.0	9.0	20,146	4,628
Monthly Total—												
1959-60—												
January ..	111.3	42.2	151.8	22,780	4,718	9,194	48.8	35.1	16.0	7.6	21,367	4,231
February ..	105.2	43.7	125.2	17,985	3,681	7,020	50.9	33.1	15.9	8.3	20,464	4,362
March ..	116.9	53.4	105.9	14,231	2,965	5,506	62.5	32.0	17.7	9.8	21,126	4,591
April ..	104.3	44.4	77.0	9,110	1,952	3,698	61.5	28.3	15.4	8.4	17,697	4,283
May ..	127.7	48.0	65.3	6,806	1,660	2,845	70.9	27.4	13.3	8.5	16,731	4,769
June ..	125.7	38.9	60.7	5,978	1,747	2,826	70.5	27.1	13.8	8.4	15,378	4,516
1960-61 p—												
July ..	130.0	39.4	69.5	7,236	2,315	3,556	64.3	25.1	13.0	8.1	16,196	4,444
August ..	139.8	43.8	100.5	12,753	3,810	5,798	53.8	25.0	14.3	8.2	20,376	5,951
September ..	142.0	47.0	128.8	17,964	4,995	8,028	50.8	28.4	19.8	9.1	20,721	3,681
October ..	133.6	48.0	155.7	22,641	6,184	9,804	43.3	29.1	26.0	9.2	20,561	4,391
November ..	143.1	47.5	163.2	24,105	6,172	10,863	43.2	34.5	23.9	9.1	23,859	5,016
December ..	113.3	42.6	157.9	23,568	5,584	9,162	41.2	34.1	18.9	9.7	24,069	5,398
January ..	122.2	42.3	134.1	19,270	4,416	7,488	44.0	31.3	15.7	8.2	23,121	4,180
February ..	128.1	40.6	102.5	13,518	3,209	5,716	46.2	32.3	14.6	8.5	20,356	4,430
March ..	129.5	43.9	102.6	13,393	2,937	5,401	53.9	33.9	15.4	9.7	21,354	4,668
April ..	113.6	40.1	79.9	9,369	2,157	3,889	51.4	28.1	13.2	8.8	17,898	4,280
May ..	144.3	44.2	76.2	8,441	2,314	3,848	70.0	30.2	14.1	9.6	17,399	4,740
June ..	131.6	39.2	69.8	7,166	2,497	3,417	79.9	28.5	14.8	9.2	15,850	4,362
1961-62 p—												
July ..	128.0	44.8	79.3	8,710	3,074	4,343	r70.9	r26.9	14.9	r9.1	17,307	4,378
August ..	148.0	48.3	110.0	13,981	4,819	6,989	r68.1	r27.9	r17.0	9.4	19,157	5,268
September ..	129.6	47.0	144.3	20,236	6,327	9,488	r62.5	r30.6	19.8	10.0	20,097	4,248
October ..	120.2	56.0	179.0	26,558	7,695	11,204	r57.8	r35.3	r24.1	10.1	24,170	4,806
November ..	128.2	38.6	178.7	26,885	7,314	10,686	r59.7	r36.2	21.9	10.8	25,581	5,002
December ..	103.4	48.7	169.7	25,558	6,438	10,049	r55.0	r32.9	r18.1	r10.0	24,848	4,946
January ..	122.7	45.7	151.6	22,504	5,418	8,465	59.7	32.7	17.3	9.1	22,007	4,388
February ..	131.9	46.7	118.7	16,628	3,987	6,271	59.4	32.3	16.0	9.4	18,683	4,536
March ..		50.9									20,997	4,465

(a) Monthly averages are for the twelve months ended March and the monthly tables are those recorded by the Department of Primary Industry. (b) Production in 1959-60 and later periods is as reported by the Department of Customs and Excise. From July, 1960, includes waste beer. (c) From July, 1960, represents the quantity on which excise duty was paid. (d) Whole milk equivalent.

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PRODUCTION OF CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES.

Period.	Chemicals and Allied Products.						Motor Vehicle Bodies.(a)		Motor Vehicle Chassis.		Pneumatic Tyres—Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero., etc.(e)
	Sul-phuric Acid (100%).	Super-phosphate. (b)	Sulphate of Ammonia. (c)	Paints.		Soap.	Cars.	Utilities.	Car.(d)	Com-mercial Payload of One Ton and over.	
				Ready-mixed Paints and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro-cellulose.						
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	'000 cwt.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	36.4	91	1.77	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	4,138	610	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	41.3	103	1.51	209	60	n.a.	4,836	518	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1938-39 ..	40.8	100	2.19	224	48	n.a.	4,242	715	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1954-55 ..	69.6	163	6.54	812	123	108	6,002	2,245	15,295	1,422	293
1955-56 ..	74.7	177	6.28	890	125	109	6,912	2,030	16,736	1,775	303
1956-57 ..	73.2	165	9.24	906	121	103	6,230	1,804	14,850	1,308	287
1957-58 ..	82.6	185	9.89	924	130	109	8,129	2,370	18,643	1,293	317
1958-59 ..	82.2	177	9.79	951	133	104	(f)9,846	2,282	18,774	1,316	328
1959-60 ..	89.3	198	8.74	1,002	150	105	12,546	2,318	22,780	1,627	352
1960-61 p ..	93.6	211	8.34	973	111	104	13,345	2,254	22,846	1,544	360
Monthly Total—											
1959-60—											
January ..	88.2	178	7.39	724	109	r91	8,003	1,295	15,416	1,240	236
February ..	90.4	197	8.00	1,020	160	r98	12,685	2,250	23,603	1,722	341
March ..	102.1	250	8.10	1,154	184	r115	14,505	2,735	27,386	2,077	398
April ..	107.0	253	8.70	934	153	r107	11,311	2,313	21,730	1,714	323
May ..	104.4	238	8.66	1,012	153	r116	14,379	2,584	26,812	1,948	393
June ..	97.6	231	8.33	951	118	r109	14,378	2,280	26,158	2,027	389
1960-61 p—											
July ..	80.8	169	8.22	930	116	113	14,563	2,491	26,126	1,910	358
August ..	89.0	204	7.35	1,060	134	98	16,348	2,737	29,065	1,876	439
September ..	95.0	195	8.85	1,091	134	113	16,779	2,429	28,475	1,784	410
October ..	85.8	185	8.59	1,162	123	108	15,787	2,403	28,779	1,544	372
November ..	73.5	r160	10.00	1,237	134	112	17,587	2,519	30,141	1,739	414
December ..	90.9	190	8.56	989	113	99	12,562	1,721	21,391	1,587	314
January ..	91.2	193	8.13	722	64	66	10,694	1,706	16,932	1,285	259
February ..	95.0	214	7.49	995	116	95	12,995	2,143	20,936	1,503	369
March ..	106.2	269	7.96	951	119	117	11,625	2,926	19,928	1,335	372
April ..	111.0	261	8.55	778	84	103	8,936	1,788	15,869	1,491	306
May ..	110.2	269	8.46	969	106	119	12,240	1,998	20,083	1,378	375
June ..	94.4	223	7.87	800	91	102	10,028	2,189	16,429	1,091	335
1961-62 p—											
July ..	84.7	172	10.25	835	92	101	10,147	1,891	16,272	1,101	334
August ..	92.0	220	8.73	999	99	97	9,854	1,564	16,246	1,171	326
September ..	93.9	215	9.22	1,045	94	95	8,330	1,248	16,321	980	319
October ..	83.8	191	9.53	1,169	107	r105	11,840	1,532	19,325	1,139	334
November ..	73.2	147	7.92	1,311	120	121	15,289	1,894	22,241	1,240	363
December ..	84.6	166	9.73	992	98	88	10,753	1,466	16,470	885	251
January ..	88.4	201	8.37	765	79	68	10,396	1,538	15,623	911	245
February ..	r103.7	252	7.45	1,062	120	93	r14,358	2,237	21,641	1,197	345
March ..	110.7	249	8.89				16,073		25,008	1,423	

(a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels.

(b) Source: Department of Primary Industry.

(c) Source: Nitrogen Fertilizers Pty. Ltd. from July, 1960.

(d) Includes station wagons, estate cars, utilities, panel vans and similar commercial vehicles with a payload of under one ton.

(e) Source: Department of Supply.

(f) From July, 1958, includes station wagons.

WOOL RECEIVALS AND PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Wool Received into Brokers' Stores. (a)	Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.(b)		Woven Cloth.(b)				Blankets.	Hosiery.	
			Cotton.	Wool.	Cotton. (c)	Wool.	Rayon.	Synthetic Fibre.		Men's. (d)	Womens—Full Length. (e)
	'000 bales.	Million lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	'000.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	n.a.	8.4	730	2,136	n.a.	2,597	n.a.	n.a.	105	83	157
1937-38 ..	n.a.	7.9	965	2,510	n.a.	2,479	n.a.	n.a.	94	87	184
1938-39 ..	230.9	8.8	974	2,708	n.a.	2,646	n.a.	n.a.	96	92	178
1954-55 ..	327.2	11.3	3,458	3,557	2,753	2,589	1,303	14	128	139	202
1955-56 ..	354.6	12.1	3,379	3,601	3,222	2,523	1,374	164	138	130	192
1956-57 ..	405.6	13.8	3,498	3,975	3,856	2,732	2,025	256	140	121	214
1957-58 ..	362.7	12.8	3,720	3,801	3,695	2,643	1,924	313	155	123	185
1958-59 ..	394.6	13.2	3,544	3,381	3,524	2,272	1,476	516	142	109	205
1959-60 ..	410.5	14.6	3,868	4,213	3,594	2,520	1,484	617	161	130	212
1960-61 p ..	392.9	13.0	3,612	4,026	3,714	2,213	1,737	840	158	114	216
Monthly Total—											
1959-60—											
January ..	117.7	12.5	2,926	2,972	3,012	1,844	1,087	422	94	76	135
February ..	162.2	14.2	3,721	4,209	3,460	2,681	1,431	561	161	113	205
March ..	267.1	16.1	4,228	4,903	3,897	3,084	1,416	655	200	128	233
April ..	230.1	12.9	3,822	4,020	3,605	2,278	1,391	678	174	109	195
May ..	189.2	15.5	4,264	4,644	3,935	2,502	1,611	742	213	131	226
June ..	165.2	16.3	4,774	4,856	4,465	2,562	2,132	916	220	141	245
1960-61 p—											
July ..	247.4	14.0	4,316	4,254	4,191	2,283	1,819	805	176	135	238
August ..	601.8	13.5	4,718	4,973	4,443	2,673	1,795	887	186	159	260
September ..	805.8	12.1	4,286	4,640	4,163	2,501	1,722	935	146	151	266
October ..	891.8	13.4	4,106	4,510	4,008	2,525	1,842	887	158	156	240
November ..	698.4	14.5	4,455	5,188	4,306	2,944	1,955	899	177	149	260
December ..	283.3	12.8	2,994	3,452	3,118	1,983	1,604	630	117	87	196
January ..	128.8	10.6	2,953	2,968	3,296	1,638	1,479	580	90	64	146
February ..	163.2	13.6	3,485	4,070	3,793	2,346	1,739	820	163	105	210
March ..	280.2	13.4	3,710	4,149	3,739	2,388	1,685	818	188	110	220
April ..	215.5	11.3	2,723	3,185	3,069	1,777	1,664	804	145	74	155
May ..	242.7	13.5	2,932	3,798	3,270	1,883	1,668	987	187	94	214
June ..	156.4	13.4	2,667	3,125	3,176	1,612	1,879	1,023	166	81	186
1961-62 p—											
July ..	310.9	12.4	2,673	2,816	3,196	1,560	1,494	737	126	90	190
August ..	601.2	12.4	3,107	3,489	3,102	1,982	1,725	938	141	119	222
September ..	924.9	11.9	3,105	3,379	3,274	2,105	1,699	932	116	125	247
October ..	903.7	13.6	3,462	3,684	3,699	2,162	1,638	924	134	130	263
November ..	570.9	15.6	3,972	4,068	4,044	2,423	1,767	1,105	137	143	260
December ..	233.1	12.6	2,925	2,915	2,894	1,788	1,501	812	88	93	194
January ..	126.0	12.4	3,159	3,272	3,428	1,811	1,308	872	94	72	180
February ..	182.4	13.9	3,702	4,311	3,900	2,400	1,655	1,197	153	114	229
March ..	292.7		3,962	4,598	3,997	2,497	1,781	1,359			

(a) First hand receipts as recorded by the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers. (b) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (c) Excludes towels and towelling. (d) Includes boys' prior to July, 1956. (e) Includes other than full length prior to July, 1954.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING (continued) AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Men's and Youths'—			Shirts, Men's and Boys'.	Underwear.		Boots, Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (b)	Mat- tresses, Inner Spring.	Lawn Mowers, Petrol.	Golf Balls.	Tennis Balls.	News- print.
	Short Length Coats and Jackets.		Sports Trous- ers.		Men's, Youths', and Boys'.	Women's Maids' and Girls'.						
	Suit.(a)	Other.(a)										
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 pairs.	'000.	No.	'000. doz.	'000. doz.	Tons
Monthly												
Average—												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(c) 61	192		1,208	0.9	n.a.	7.1	21.1	..
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(c) 70	228		1,176	1.5	n.a.	7.9	19.3	..
1938-39 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(c) 56	229		1,164	2.2	n.a.	9.8	19.5	..
1954-55 ..	61.3	70.4	203.6	118	120	235	1,657	34.9	2,452	16.1	21.4	6,134
1955-56 ..	63.1	67.2	223.4	109	130	234	1,651	39.7	6,563	16.0	19.1	6,585
1956-57 ..	59.8	66.9	213.4	119	140	244	1,745	41.8	13,438	17.3	19.5	6,633
1957-58 ..	60.6	63.3	216.0	128	151	238	1,782	42.3	12,271	16.6	18.8	6,757
1958-59 ..	p60.7	p62.2	p226.2	135	154	248	2,005	48.4	20,747	16.4	17.6	6,923
1959-60 ..	p64.7	p75.7	p271.7	p153	p157	p265	2,136	51.6	20,560	20.2	18.8	7,376
1960-61p ..	66.8	70.2	302.7	152	159	279	2,003	49.2	16,567	19.8	13.8	7,336
Monthly												
Total—												
1959-60—	p	p	p	p	p	p						
January ..	36.0	40.3	161.1	77	94	157	1,222	36.2	29,684	11.4	11.6	7,447
February ..	61.2	69.8	262.6	121	155	260	1,935	54.6	18,275	21.1	19.5	7,436
March ..	67.1	82.4	294.0	141	178	285	2,172	62.9	11,553	19.5	17.9	7,630
April ..	61.6	75.8	237.4	119	133	218	1,778	49.4	4,836	17.9	14.6	6,786
May ..	65.6	90.2	269.5	147	156	266	2,079	54.6	1,983	23.9	17.0	7,572
June ..	65.4	84.8	274.1	165	181	290	2,204	45.9	3,716	21.8	14.6	7,465
1960-61 p—												
July ..	63.0	65.9	283.7	174	164	302	2,079	49.2	9,604	19.3	12.5	7,805
August ..	78.7	81.1	344.6	211	202	328	2,501	57.7	12,633	21.5	11.9	7,991
September ..	79.0	84.6	366.1	209	178	299	2,450	51.7	19,978	17.9	15.2	7,425
October ..	74.6	81.7	361.9	192	183	308	2,344	49.5	32,684	19.1	20.2	7,937
November ..	83.6	81.4	417.1	204	217	361	2,469	55.2	42,185	20.5	22.7	7,979
December ..	66.5	58.7	307.3	128	145	268	1,677	52.8	34,674	14.4	17.5	5,935
January ..	34.5	36.5	181.1	74	104	166	1,219	36.5	23,073	15.2	10.6	7,693
February ..	64.7	71.5	288.4	123	171	283	1,791	49.7	12,610	19.6	10.9	7,107
March ..	66.2	87.0	314.8	135	167	278	2,068	52.3	4,138	23.1	11.5	6,309
April ..	63.0	70.7	242.5	107	113	221	1,658	41.1	2,885	19.7	9.7	7,215
May ..	66.0	77.4	288.9	140	138	277	1,995	50.9	2,937	26.1	12.6	7,024
June ..	61.6	46.1	236.5	131	120	252	1,784	43.4	1,400	20.7	10.0	7,619
1961-62 p—												
July ..	62.7	42.2	246.4	132	139	260	1,993	r47.4	5,559	20.0	13.1	7,831
August ..	73.7	54.2	327.9	163	165	305	2,395	53.3	12,603	30.9	19.1	7,917
September ..	72.7	54.3	r342.3	156	167	287	2,282	49.0	25,442	23.9	20.6	7,708
October ..	76.0	64.9	r353.0	174	186	331	2,491	56.9	42,599	28.8	26.2	7,878
November ..	79.2	66.5	r393.4	170	199	328	2,590	59.6	38,324	27.6	20.0	7,592
December ..	63.7	51.9	296.0	116	151	249	1,637	54.6	18,015	18.6	10.9	5,655
January ..	39.3	30.2	r198.0	81	125	206	1,405	44.6	15,965	17.2	13.7	7,464
February ..	69.3	58.5	281.8	126	182	286	1,923	54.9	19,355	25.8		6,887
March ..									12,196			7,830

(a) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats.

(b) Includes Infants' Soft Soled Nursery, prior to July, 1956.

(c) Excludes knitted.

For meaning of symbols n.a., .., p, r, —, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source: *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base: 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	France. (a)	Germany West. (a)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (a)	Sweden. (a) (b)	United King- dom. (a) (c)	U.S.A. (a)
1953	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954	106	100	110	112	109	108	110	108	104	106	94
1955	116	110	120	r129	120	116	118	116	111	111	106
1956	123	120	133	r139	128	144	123	122	114	112	109
1957	124	120	144	147	137	167	126	128	117	114	110
1958	116	120	150	151	142	168	127	128	120	112	102
1959	122	129	156	162	158	208	139	136	124	118	116
1960	129	130	174	180	180	261	157	r146	134	126	119
1961		133	184	191	200	317	159	156	139	128	120
1959—											
June	122	134	167	163	155	208	146	145	127	122	121
July	105	126	150	153	162	209	141	93	66	110	112
August	111	126	107	153	130	209	129	130	120	104	113
September	125	134	158	169	170	217	148	146	132	126	115
October	127	137	166	175	178	221	156	146	137	131	116
November	132	133	179	186	172	224	144	148	140	133	114
December	126	126	183	178	172	240	145	134	141	123	118
1960—											
January	122	129	174	164	165	224	141	137	135	128	122
February	129	131	175	168	174	250	145	150	138	131	122
March	132	132	171	176	189	268	163	152	140	134	122
April	132	127	178	178	179	252	155	132	139	125	121
May	133	131	179	183	189	253	162	146	136	130	120
June	133	134	183	185	180	257	163	155	140	126	120
July	112	125	168	168	190	260	151	101	72	116	114
August	124	126	119	168	154	259	151	145	130	110	118
September	137	132	178	186	194	268	161	157	138	130	119
October	135	133	183	189	193	272	166	159	142	134	120
November	138	132	194	203	188	278	166	158	149	132	116
December	119	124	190	189	191	289	163	144	145	126	112
1961—											
January	98	124	183	181	188	271	158	151	144	126	112
February	138	128	187	185	185	294	146	159	148	131	114
March	141	127	185	193	209	325	172	151	148	132	114
April	141	128	188	189	189	299	155	159	147	129	117
May	143	132	195	196	206	310	161	145	144	128	119
June	142	139	192	198	194	317	167	165	144	132	122
July	118	130	169	174	208	320	150	108	74	124	116
August	r131	133	128	177	163	317	152	159	134	108	122
September	138	r140	182	190	212	326	157	170	141	130	124
October	r142	142	r192	r201	r219	338	r171	r170	148	132	128
November	142	143	205	210	r215	338	r168	179	153	134	126
December		135	202	194	208	352	r151	158	148	125	r124
1962—											
January			197	185		323	160	160			124

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

(c) Includes construction.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.(a)			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(b)		
	Motor Cars.(c)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars and Station Wagons.	Other Motor Vehicles.	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	Monthly Averages.		
1951-52	(d) 1,026	(d) 585	(d) 154	(e) 10,400	(f) 5,736	n.a.
1952-53	(d) 1,103	(d) 584	(d) 148	(e) 7,659	(f) 4,228	n.a.
1953-54	1,195	612	141	(e) 10,297	(f) 4,687	892
1954-55	1,342	655	133	(e) 13,581	(f) 5,580	939
1955-56	1,467	683	126	13,472	5,625	868
1956-57	1,564	707	120	12,271	4,831	800
1957-58	1,676	735	116	13,847	5,148	869
1958-59	1,783	766	111	14,693	5,528	836
1959-60	1,924	807	102	18,671	5,757	807
1960-61	2,065	843	93	18,595	4,931	656
1959-60—				Monthly Totals.		
February	1,877	793	106	18,213	5,017	983
March	1,898	799	106	21,034	5,980	988
April	1,895	797	104	18,081	4,973	715
May	1,914	803	103	20,192	5,900	766
June	1,924	807	102	19,899	5,755	698
1960-61—						
July	1,927	806	100	20,399	5,604	644
August	1,949	812	100	22,465	6,253	720
September	1,967	817	99	22,463	5,811	720
October	1,980	819	98	24,266	5,505	765
November	2,004	828	98	26,067	5,824	709
December	2,025	838	99	17,607	4,779	671
January	2,028	835	98	12,704	3,556	683
February	2,034	837	97	12,905	4,090	751
March	2,044	839	97	19,013	4,657	729
April	2,050	841	95	14,755	4,132	500
May	2,059	843	94	16,342	4,741	581
June	2,065	843	93	14,156	4,217	406
1961-62—						
July	2,069	842	92	13,620	3,751	401
August	2,080	843	91	16,096	3,924	427
September	2,082	844	90	15,735	3,790	384
October	2,095	842	90	17,848	4,362	433
November	2,105	846	89	18,383	4,413	401
December	2,117	849	89	16,575	3,975	407
January	2,127	851	88	15,759	3,775	468
February	2,137	858	88	17,988	4,240	529
March				21,212	5,077	530

(a) Prior to January, 1956, Department of Navy vehicles were included. (b) This series is not strictly comparable with the "on Register" series. (c) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (d) Excludes the Northern Territory. (e) Includes ambulances and hearses prior to 1955-56. (f) Excludes ambulances and hearses prior to 1955-56.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-miles.	Goods and Livestock.		Passenger- journeys.	Earnings.	
		Tons Carried.	Net Ton- miles.(a)		Gross.	Net.
	'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—						
1951-52	7,780	3,672	562.9	41,707	11,627	—721
1952-53	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903	—560
1953-54	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155	140
1954-55	7,896	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498	124
1955-56	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,762	—648
1956-57	7,924	3,956	614.1	41,543	15,608	—422
1957-58	7,524	3,771	565.5	39,702	14,845	—694
1958-59	7,607	4,003	607.5	38,916	15,345	—71
1959-60	7,722	4,264	663.5	38,392	16,180	2
1960-61	7,752	4,614	729.1	37,072	17,352	657
Monthly Total—(b)						
1959-60—		(c)	(c)			
November	7,597	4,168	659.8	39,816	16,083	120
December	7,811	3,855	616.8	35,424	15,619	—137
January	7,363	3,496	568.7	38,410	14,578	—471
February	7,307	4,069	652.8	45,327	15,279	442
March	8,042	4,669	757.7	38,299	17,456	1,463
April	7,374	3,964	646.1	35,835	15,560	—267
May	7,897	4,403	710.8	44,485	16,820	—320
June	7,752	4,425	710.3	36,443	17,588	—2,551
1960-61—						
July	7,836	4,431	700.5	40,771	16,463	1,500
August	8,243	5,087	777.7	40,004	18,509	2,092
September	8,037	4,837	777.0	41,654	18,375	2,267
October	7,991	4,717	738.7	39,831	18,136	2,152
November	7,713	4,665	740.4	35,370	17,815	525
December	7,679	4,013	638.5	33,908	16,042	—245
January	7,368	3,919	653.0	38,662	16,436	903
February	7,113	4,506	727.6	41,196	16,562	1,512
March	7,987	4,946	787.2	36,866	17,994	1,668
April	7,333	4,093	682.9	35,551	15,885	129
May	8,239	5,117	802.2	42,326	18,556	392
June	7,868	4,699	723.2	36,840	17,743	—2,982
1961-62—						
July	7,962	4,827	746.3	42,477	17,609	2,146
August	8,200	5,061	770.7	36,348	18,192	1,137
September	7,834	4,749	730.7	41,581	17,834	1,025
October	7,820	4,835	727.5	39,574	17,580	834
November	7,658	4,824	707.0	35,104	16,940	—338
December	7,357	3,994	613.7	34,280	15,561	—756

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis and which exclude government grants from Net Earnings.

(c) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

NOTE.—Part of the cargo is recorded in tons weight and part in tons measurement. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tons weight or tons measurement, each is recorded and published separately. "1 ton measurement" equals 40 cubic feet.

Period.				Oversea Cargo.				Interstate Cargo Shipped.	
				Shipped from Australian Ports.		Discharged at Australian Ports.			
				'000 tons weight.	'000 tons measurement.	'000 tons weight.	'000 tons measurement.	'000 tons weight.	'000 tons measurement.
Monthly Average—									
1951–52	..	..	..	374	103	810	391	640	110
1952–53	..	..	..	504	121	644	161	704	106
1953–54	..	..	..	479	113	711	234	758	128
1954–55	..	..	..	507	118	916	284	851	123
1955–56	..	..	..	555	129	1,036	285	969	111
1956–57	..	..	..	728	115	1,050	229	992	107
1957–58	..	..	..	614	124	1,143	243	1,051	96
1958–59	..	..	..	720	122	1,186	222	1,030	88
1959–60	..	..	..	843	123	1,288	272	1,076	113
1960–61	..	..	..	1,146	129	1,439	317	1,143	123
Monthly Total—									
1959–60—									
December	..	..	..	826	108	1,175	264	1,133	110
January	..	..	..	807	91	1,287	238	887	83
February	..	..	..	908	85	1,095	348	1,097	112
March	..	..	..	995	157	1,276	289	1,061	131
April	..	..	..	872	168	1,403	238	980	116
May	..	..	..	736	173	1,460	298	1,028	128
June	..	..	..	832	124	1,332	339	1,180	131
1960–61—									
July	..	..	..	878	127	1,481	351	1,079	121
August	..	..	..	890	109	1,386	380	1,110	126
September	..	..	..	1,029	103	1,488	306	1,134	147
October	..	..	..	923	113	1,480	350	1,133	145
November	..	..	..	991	106	1,531	305	1,088	129
December	..	..	..	990	128	1,370	501	1,125	125
January	..	..	..	1,113	80	1,408	302	1,180	99
February	..	..	..	1,210	107	1,312	354	1,086	125
March	..	..	..	1,474	117	1,426	295	1,254	118
April	..	..	..	1,360	181	1,424	247	1,167	103
May	..	..	..	1,507	211	1,437	188	1,125	130
June	..	..	..	1,400	169	1,522	222	1,226	100
1961–62—									
July	..	..	..	1,419	113	1,368	196	1,163	90
August	..	..	..	1,404	95	1,553	222	1,097	106
September	..	..	..	1,597	129	1,658	204	1,175	97
October	..	..	..	1,368	104	1,405	248	1,190	104
November	..	..	..	1,549	126	1,521	217	1,157	113
December p	..	..	..	1,516	112	1,449	209	1,062	107
January p	..	..	..	1,303	59	1,334	217	1,121	88
February p	..	..	..	1,286	97	1,353	203	921	101

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department. (a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences.		Television Viewers' Licences.		Telephone Services.	
		New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	Lines Con- nected at End of Period.	Effective Applications. (b)
	£'000. (c)	'000. (c)	'000. (c)	'000. (c)	'000. (c)	'000. (c)	(c)
1951-52	4,948	22	1,961	..	..	927	n.a.
1952-53	5,367	17	1,986	..	..	985	n.a.
1953-54	5,650	15	2,042	..	..	1,050	10,624
1954-55	6,069	13	2,035	..	..	1,127	12,492
1955-56	6,612	13	2,089	..	..	1,207	13,734
1956-57	7,519	14	2,107	(d) 11	(d) 74	1,279	9,923
1957-58	8,065	15	2,138	19	291	1,362	11,400
1958-59	8,622	21	2,264	25	578	1,443	13,398
1959-60	10,136	13	2,283	34	955	1,514	14,056
1960-61	11,347	13	2,256	27	1,217	(e) 1,631	14,113
1959-60—	(f)	(f)		(f)			(f)
February	9,894	12	2,260	30	791	1,494	14,936
March	11,711	14	2,269	42	833	1,500	16,399
April	9,620	16	2,252	34	862	1,504	12,814
May	11,020	19	2,271	51	911	1,509	16,248
June	12,616	18	2,283	47	955	1,514	16,213
1960-61—						(e)	
July	9,931	20	2,281	46	998	1,568	16,034
August	11,457	17	2,292	40	1,037	1,575	17,035
September	11,036	16	2,289	34	1,066	1,582	16,274
October	11,125	16	2,284	27	1,090	1,588	14,031
November	11,273	12	2,285	23	1,106	1,594	14,015
December	12,196	9	2,276	22	1,121	1,600	10,909
January	10,548	9	2,272	20	1,138	1,603	12,193
February	10,681	11	2,264	18	1,149	1,608	14,173
March	12,191	11	2,261	21	1,164	1,614	14,667
April	10,905	10	2,252	20	1,175	1,619	11,852
May	12,009	12	2,256	27	1,199	1,625	14,262
June	12,813	12	2,256	26	1,217	1,631	13,905
1961-62—							
July	10,477	12	2,240	26	1,229	1,637	14,550
August	11,776	12	2,233	27	1,251	1,645	15,902
September	11,159	11	2,218	25	1,263	1,651	14,093
October	11,876	13	2,222	27	1,285	1,659	15,668
November	11,516	11	2,233	19	1,299	1,666	15,095
December	11,364	8	2,237	19	1,310	1,672	11,617
January	11,506	9	2,240	22	1,331	1,677	15,258
February	11,650	10	2,232	21	1,338	1,684	18,048
March	12,633	11	2,235	22	1,356	1,691	21,528

(a) Actual collections. (b) Net demand for new telephone services (i.e., excluding withdrawals of applications).
(c) Monthly average. (d) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.
(e) Details of exchange lines are no longer available. As from July, 1960, telephone services, representing exchange lines plus duplex lines, are shown. Until the introduction of duplex services in December, 1948, statistics of exchange lines and telephone services were identical.
(f) Monthly total.

For meaning of symbols n.a.r., —, see page 1.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)

CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT) AND RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT.

(£A million.)

Period.	Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department).									Rural Credits Department.
	Notes on Issue.			Statutory Reserve Deposit Accounts of Trading Banks. (b)	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Deposits of Savings Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Ad- vances.
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.							
Average of Weekly Figures—										
1954-55 ..	40.9	316.1	357.0	306.3	36.8	243.8		415.9	459.8	62.3
1955-56 ..	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7		298.9	515.7	73.8
1956-57 ..	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9		349.7	508.8	56.6
1957-58 ..	45.7	343.9	389.6	328.3	25.6	218.4		461.7	478.6	33.7
1958-59 ..	47.2	348.8	396.0	259.9	24.2	232.9		411.5	469.1	46.7
1959-60 ..	52.1	361.5	413.6	280.8	19.6	246.4		442.2	475.2	62.6
1960-61 ..	57.5	370.2	427.7	294.4	18.5	138.3 | 130.1		365.7	571.3	72.4
1959-60—										
February ..	54.4	360.5	414.9	300.2	13.7	243.4		454.8	456.0	78.5
March ..	53.6	362.0	415.6	308.6	12.8	253.6		452.0	461.5	94.7
April ..	56.5	371.0	427.5	312.0	8.7	243.4		450.3	468.4	88.7
May ..	57.1	365.6	422.7	309.7	10.5	250.5		465.3	462.7	80.0
June ..	56.1	366.0	422.1	304.2	21.0	257.6		453.1	488.9	73.2
1960-61—										
July ..	53.5	366.7	420.2	303.4	18.1	135.0	110.8	429.1	494.0	68.4
August ..	54.1	369.7	423.8	300.0	19.6	140.0	115.6	406.2	526.3	57.1
September ..	54.5	371.8	426.3	298.6	14.5	142.2	117.0	378.9	558.3	49.1
October ..	57.6	372.0	429.6	297.3	20.0	147.1	113.2	361.5	587.7	45.7
November..	56.4	373.2	429.6	300.5	16.6	149.2	114.2	347.1	608.7	38.7
December(c)	64.6	388.0	452.6	282.6	14.7	142.3	113.9	333.0	627.4	34.7
January ..	62.3	373.5	435.8	296.5	22.8	138.1	110.8	316.6	632.3	56.7
February ..	57.8	367.3	425.1	303.1	23.9	136.6	118.3	309.0	622.3	88.4
March ..	56.0	368.6	424.6	307.5	17.3	133.9	122.6	302.7	614.1	103.3
April ..	58.9	369.5	428.4	301.2	15.6	132.2	113.2	322.3	562.4	115.7
May ..	59.0	364.6	423.6	277.0	20.3	131.0	199.7	427.6	526.9	107.0
June ..	57.8	363.6	421.4	260.3	17.3	132.5	200.5	440.9	511.2	89.8
1961-62—										
July ..	55.5	362.2	417.7	219.4	27.4	139.5	199.0	471.9	470.1	73.5
August ..	55.4	364.9	420.3	213.5	17.5	141.8	204.8	483.8	470.1	60.4
September..	56.5	367.3	423.8	214.0	22.3	145.3	199.2	490.5	482.9	49.7
October ..	58.5	366.5	425.0	215.9	19.0	152.1	197.8	492.7	494.7	41.7
November..	56.8	368.0	424.8	220.2	19.6	151.6	201.2	491.6	509.3	34.7
December(c)	65.7	382.4	448.1	223.3	16.2	148.3	196.6	499.7	522.1	33.3
January ..	63.3	370.1	433.4	227.6	25.7	153.3	196.9	510.4	473.3	72.3
February ..	61.2	364.1	425.3	231.5	19.9	153.0	201.8	514.7	421.8	110.3
March ..	p58.8	p366.2	425.0	235.4	18.9	156.1	184.9	506.5	422.7	107.4

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Trading Banks.

(c) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

(b) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Special Accounts of

**COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA,
and
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)**
(£ million.)

Period.		Commonwealth Trading Bank.										Commonwealth Development Bank.(a)	
		Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	Advances.	
		Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.				Hire Purchase.	Other.
			Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.									
Average of Weekly Figures—													
1954-55 ..	37.9	5.7	130.9	174.5	10.5	12.3	38.2	..	36.1	89.1	17.0	11.5	
1955-56 ..	41.1	5.2	135.6	181.9	10.2	6.3	38.6	..	33.2	103.9	16.6	14.1	
1956-57 ..	40.6	3.8	140.1	184.5	10.0	4.1	35.7	..	34.6	106.5	16.5	14.5	
1957-58 ..	49.2	5.7	150.2	205.1	10.8	5.5	46.5	..	40.2	107.8	16.0	14.9	
1958-59 ..	60.3	7.4	159.1	226.8	11.3	4.1	56.7	..	36.5	122.5	17.4	15.1	
1959-60 ..	62.5	10.8	181.1	254.4	11.7	3.0	60.1	2.5	41.4	133.7	17.8	15.9	
1960-61 ..	72.9	14.4	183.9	271.2	10.5	1.6	54.0	4.6	45.8	147.6	18.9	17.5	
1959-60—													
February ..	57.3	13.4	190.4	261.1	11.0	3.0	56.3	1.8	43.5	134.8	17.9	16.2	
March ..	57.8	13.5	195.0	266.3	10.5	2.8	59.1	3.3	45.3	134.2	17.7	15.8	
April ..	63.3	13.8	190.6	267.7	10.6	1.2	59.5	3.8	46.4	135.0	17.8	15.6	
May ..	63.1	13.5	189.5	266.1	9.9	1.0	58.8	3.1	46.8	137.5	18.0	15.4	
June ..	65.7	14.2	191.2	271.1	10.4	1.9	56.5	4.4	46.6	139.7	18.1	15.4	
1960-61—													
July ..	67.5	13.9	186.7	268.1	9.5	1.3	56.8	1.9	47.2	147.3	18.3	15.2	
August ..	67.5	14.3	187.8	269.6	10.1	2.0	54.8	4.2	47.0	147.3	18.7	15.5	
September ..	67.3	14.1	188.9	270.3	9.5	1.0	53.2	4.6	47.1	148.1	19.1	15.9	
October ..	66.6	13.8	190.7	271.1	10.2	1.8	53.2	1.9	47.3	149.8	19.4	16.3	
November ..	66.9	14.1	189.7	270.7	9.6	1.0	51.5	4.8	47.4	148.7	19.9	16.8	
December(e) ..	68.5	14.6	186.3	269.4	11.1	1.2	50.2	7.0	44.2	149.5	20.1	17.3	
January ..	66.5	14.7	181.3	262.5	11.6	1.8	47.2	2.2	46.2	153.5	19.6	17.5	
February ..	71.0	14.8	178.8	264.6	12.2	1.7	46.5	3.6	46.2	149.3	19.0	17.9	
March ..	76.5	14.5	178.6	269.6	10.6	2.1	48.5	6.2	46.2	145.1	18.3	18.4	
April ..	80.8	14.3	182.5	277.6	11.4	2.0	54.9	8.8	45.6	143.8	18.3	19.0	
May ..	85.4	14.2	177.3	276.9	10.5	1.7	62.3	5.1	43.3	144.2	18.5	19.8	
June ..	87.8	15.9	178.6	282.3	10.4	1.5	67.8	5.5	41.6	145.9	18.6	20.5	
1961-62—													
July ..	92.2	16.1	172.3	280.6	10.7	3.9	71.2	3.1	35.8	150.2	18.7	20.7	
August ..	96.3	16.1	173.4	285.8	10.6	2.8	76.9	2.7	35.1	148.8	19.0	21.5	
September ..	99.3	15.1	176.1	290.5	9.9	1.8	86.3	2.7	35.5	144.7	19.2	22.3	
October ..	101.1	15.0	178.8	294.9	10.3	1.1	89.4	1.9	36.2	145.7	19.5	23.0	
November ..	101.4	15.2	181.1	297.7	10.2	2.2	89.0	2.6	36.8	146.2	20.4	23.9	
December(e) ..	97.5	15.7	187.7	300.9	11.6	1.7	87.1	2.2	37.1	146.8	21.0	24.2	
January ..	93.5	15.5	189.9	298.9	12.2	2.2	85.1	2.9	37.5	151.2	20.9	24.8	
February ..	95.9	15.6	187.1	298.6	11.6	2.3	87.4	2.2	37.4	148.9	20.2	25.3	
March ..	98.5	15.8	191.1	305.4	10.7	2.0	91.7	3.3	37.3	149.4	19.9	25.9	

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of Commonwealth Bank of Australia. (b) Prior to February, 1960, fixed deposits—Australian Governments were included in current deposits bearing interest. (c) See note (b). (d) Prior to 14th January, 1960 Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.
	Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.			
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.							
Average of Weekly Figures—										
1936-37	184.7		112.9	297.6	34.2	24.5	(e) 15.0	..	..	262.5
1937-38	194.8		120.0	314.8	37.1	20.7	(e) 21.4	..	..	274.4
1938-39	198.8		118.9	317.7	33.6	20.5	(e) 20.5	..	..	288.1
1954-55	211.7	51.3	1,047.7	1,310.7	66.9	51.6	120.2	..	269.1	776.8
1955-56	210.8	52.3	1,032.3	1,295.4	66.9	50.0	113.1	..	238.8	804.4
1956-57	234.5	65.0	1,028.5	1,328.0	63.7	51.2	151.3	..	254.1	762.6
1957-58	261.5	83.9	1,045.9	1,391.3	59.8	39.0	176.2	..	287.4	774.3
1958-59	274.6	93.9	1,007.8	1,376.3	58.3	38.3	193.5	..	222.8	807.0
1959-60	281.2	104.3	1,067.6	1,453.1	57.7	24.4	236.9	21.8	238.8	818.3
1960-61	333.9	88.3	1,035.3	1,457.5	61.9	20.7	174.4	19.0	248.0	902.5
1959-60—										
February ..	301.3	82.2	1,121.5	1,505.0	55.8	34.6	279.5	25.0	256.1	795.4
March ..	302.3	85.8	1,129.4	1,517.5	55.3	35.4	277.6	21.9	262.7	800.4
April ..	301.4	81.3	1,110.0	1,492.7	54.6	16.2	243.5	14.8	265.0	837.8
May ..	300.0	84.6	1,078.4	1,463.0	58.1	11.4	205.6	17.0	262.3	863.0
June ..	296.4	90.0	1,073.6	1,460.0	61.0	11.9	185.8	15.2	257.1	875.4
1960-61—										
July ..	295.4	96.2	1,046.5	1,438.1	60.1	12.1	178.1	12.0	255.6	913.0
August ..	298.0	97.6	1,036.9	1,432.5	61.1	12.1	176.1	12.2	252.4	918.8
September ..	298.7	90.2	1,037.3	1,426.2	56.5	8.9	173.9	11.8	250.9	929.5
October ..	297.3	94.3	1,056.7	1,448.3	62.6	11.5	170.9	11.6	249.5	942.4
November ..	301.6	89.3	1,069.7	1,460.6	60.9	13.6	167.9	11.3	252.6	940.8
December(f) ..	318.0	78.9	1,061.3	1,458.2	67.5	11.8	167.4	15.6	237.8	930.8
January ..	332.1	86.1	1,048.9	1,467.1	71.4	20.1	169.1	24.3	249.8	905.1
February ..	355.3	89.9	1,050.6	1,495.8	66.2	42.3	177.1	24.9	256.4	881.0
March ..	368.9	87.8	1,045.0	1,501.7	58.5	44.3	179.1	32.8	260.8	866.4
April ..	374.0	78.7	1,027.9	1,480.6	60.1	25.0	179.2	24.9	255.0	873.0
May ..	377.6	83.4	984.4	1,445.4	61.9	23.9	176.2	22.0	233.2	866.1
June ..	383.3	83.5	966.0	1,432.8	58.6	18.2	176.0	22.8	218.2	874.2
1961-62—										
July ..	394.0	88.7	937.7	1,420.4	65.6	22.7	189.8	25.0	183.1	884.7
August ..	406.1	86.1	932.6	1,424.8	56.9	24.4	217.3	28.7	177.9	865.8
September ..	414.9	85.9	937.0	1,437.8	62.3	26.9	244.6	28.4	178.0	856.0
October ..	423.9	87.6	959.1	1,470.6	59.7	30.7	265.9	30.4	179.3	861.5
November ..	432.7	78.9	981.1	1,492.7	61.0	28.1	283.2	28.7	183.0	852.8
December(f) ..	438.4	75.9	1,008.7	1,523.0	66.7	28.2	291.1	30.0	185.7	844.9
January ..	443.6	79.7	1,034.7	1,558.0	70.3	53.5	321.4	30.1	189.6	825.5
February ..	455.4	83.4	1,049.3	1,588.1	59.1	65.1	352.9	31.1	193.7	816.3
March ..	462.0	79.6	1,048.3	1,589.9	57.3	59.2	359.3	29.4	197.6	822.5

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Includes Municipal Securities. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1936-37	11.5	19.7	(b) 24.8	..	88.2	37.9
1937-38	11.8	18.4	(b) 25.2	..	87.1	38.1
1938-39	10.6	17.4	(b) 23.8	..	90.7	37.4
1954-55	5.1	9.0	18.2	20.5	59.3	79.9
1955-56	5.2	9.0	17.7	18.4	62.1	79.7
1956-57	4.8	8.6	20.0	19.1	57.4	77.5
1957-58	4.3	7.1	19.8	20.7	55.7	75.2
1958-59	4.2	7.0	21.1	16.2	58.6	73.2
1959-60	4.0	5.7	22.0	16.4	56.3	73.5
1960-61	4.2	5.6	17.6	17.0	61.9	71.0
1959-60—						
February	3.7	6.0	24.6	17.0	52.9	74.5
March	3.6	6.0	24.3	17.3	52.8	74.4
April	3.7	4.7	21.1	17.8	56.1	74.4
May.. ..	4.0	4.8	18.8	17.9	59.0	73.7
June.. ..	4.2	5.0	17.7	17.6	60.0	73.5
1960-61—						
July	4.2	5.0	17.4	17.8	63.5	72.8
August	4.3	5.1	17.4	17.6	64.1	72.4
September	4.0	4.6	16.8	17.6	65.2	72.7
October	4.3	5.1	16.9	17.2	65.1	73.0
November	4.2	5.1	16.6	17.3	64.4	73.2
December(c)	4.6	5.4	16.9	16.3	63.8	72.8
January	4.9	6.3	17.8	17.0	61.7	71.5
February	4.4	7.2	19.1	17.1	58.9	70.2
March	3.9	6.9	18.8	17.4	57.7	69.6
April	4.1	5.8	17.9	17.2	59.0	69.4
May.. ..	4.3	5.9	18.1	16.1	59.9	68.1
June.. ..	4.1	5.4	17.6	15.2	61.0	67.4
1961-62—						
July	4.6	6.2	19.6	12.9	62.3	66.0
August	4.0	5.7	21.0	12.5	60.8	65.5
September	4.3	6.2	23.2	12.4	59.5	65.2
October	4.0	6.1	24.2	12.2	58.6	65.2
November	4.1	6.0	24.9	12.3	57.1	65.7
December(c)	4.4	6.2	25.3	12.2	55.5	66.2
January	4.5	7.9	28.5	12.2	53.0	66.4
February	3.7	7.8	30.0	12.2	51.4	66.1
March	3.6	7.3	29.9	12.4	51.7	65.9

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.
a return for fourth Wednesday.

(b) Includes municipal securities.

(c) Banks were exempted from furnishing

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Major Trading Banks.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.			Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.
			Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.			
				Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.							
Average of Weekly Figures—												
1954-55			249.5	57.0	1,178.6	1,485.1	77.4	63.9	158.4	..	305.2	865.9
1955-56			251.9	57.5	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	..	272.0	908.3
1956-57			275.1	68.8	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	..	288.7	869.1
1957-58			310.7	89.6	1,196.1	1,596.4	70.6	44.5	222.7	..	327.6	882.1
1958-59			334.9	101.3	1,166.9	1,603.1	69.5	42.4	250.2	..	259.3	929.5
1959-60			343.8	115.2	1,248.6	1,707.6	69.5	27.5	297.1	24.3	280.2	952.0
1960-61			406.8	102.7	1,219.2	1,728.7	72.3	22.3	228.4	23.6	293.9	1,050.0
1959-60—												
February			358.6	95.6	1,311.9	1,766.1	66.7	37.6	335.8	26.8	299.6	930.2
March			360.1	99.3	1,324.4	1,783.8	65.8	38.2	336.7	25.2	308.0	934.6
April			364.7	95.1	1,300.6	1,760.4	65.2	17.4	303.0	18.6	311.4	972.8
May			363.1	98.1	1,267.9	1,729.1	68.0	12.4	264.4	20.2	309.1	1,000.5
June			362.0	104.2	1,264.9	1,731.1	71.4	13.8	242.2	19.5	303.7	1,015.0
1960-61—												
July			362.9	110.0	1,233.1	1,706.0	69.7	13.4	234.9	13.9	302.9	1,060.3
August			365.5	111.9	1,224.7	1,702.1	71.2	14.1	230.9	16.3	299.4	1,066.1
September			365.9	104.4	1,226.2	1,696.5	66.1	9.9	227.2	16.4	298.0	1,077.5
October			363.8	108.2	1,247.5	1,719.5	72.8	13.3	224.1	13.5	296.8	1,092.2
November			368.4	103.5	1,259.4	1,731.3	70.6	14.6	219.4	16.1	300.0	1,089.5
December(e)			386.4	93.5	1,247.7	1,727.6	78.7	13.0	217.6	22.6	282.1	1,080.3
January			398.6	100.9	1,230.1	1,729.6	83.0	22.0	216.4	26.5	296.0	1,058.6
February			426.3	104.7	1,229.5	1,760.5	78.4	44.0	223.5	28.5	302.6	1,030.4
March			445.4	102.3	1,223.6	1,771.3	69.1	46.4	227.6	39.1	307.0	1,011.5
April			454.8	93.0	1,210.4	1,758.2	71.5	27.0	234.1	37.7	300.6	1,016.8
May			463.0	97.6	1,161.7	1,722.3	72.4	25.6	238.5	27.1	276.5	1,010.3
June			471.2	99.3	1,144.6	1,715.1	69.0	19.7	243.8	28.4	259.7	1,020.1
1961-62—												
July			486.2	104.8	1,110.0	1,701.0	76.3	26.6	261.0	28.1	218.9	1,034.9
August			502.4	102.2	1,106.0	1,710.6	67.5	27.2	294.2	31.4	213.0	1,014.6
September			514.2	101.0	1,113.1	1,728.3	72.2	28.6	330.9	31.1	213.5	1,000.8
October			525.0	102.6	1,137.9	1,765.5	70.0	31.8	355.3	32.3	215.5	1,007.2
November			534.1	94.1	1,162.2	1,790.4	71.2	30.2	372.3	31.2	219.8	999.0
December(e)			535.9	91.5	1,196.4	1,823.8	78.4	29.8	378.1	32.3	222.8	991.7
January			537.1	95.1	1,224.7	1,856.9	82.6	55.7	406.5	33.0	227.2	976.7
February			551.3	99.0	1,236.4	1,886.7	70.7	67.3	440.3	33.3	231.1	965.2
March			560.6	95.4	1,239.3	1,895.3	68.1	61.2	451.0	32.7	234.9	971.9

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) See footnote (b), page 49.

(c) See footnote (c), page 49.

(d) See footnote (d), page 49.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Major Trading Banks.)

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1954-55	5.2	9.5	20.2	20.5	58.3	79.4
1955-56	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5	79.1
1956-57	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5	77.3
1957-58	4.4	7.2	21.2	20.5	55.3	74.9
1958-59	4.3	7.0	22.6	16.2	58.0	72.8
1959-60	4.1	5.7	23.1	16.4	55.8	73.1
1960-61	4.2	5.5	18.7	17.0	60.7	70.5
1959-60—						
February	3.8	5.9	24.9	17.0	52.7	74.3
March	3.7	5.8	24.7	17.3	52.4	74.2
April	3.7	4.7	21.9	17.7	55.3	73.9
May.. ..	3.9	4.6	19.9	17.9	57.9	73.3
June.. ..	4.1	4.9	18.9	17.5	58.6	73.1
1960-61—						
July	4.1	4.9	18.7	17.8	62.2	72.3
August	4.2	5.0	18.6	17.6	62.6	72.0
September	3.9	4.5	17.9	17.6	63.5	72.3
October	4.2	5.0	18.0	17.3	63.5	72.6
November	4.1	4.9	17.6	17.3	62.9	72.7
December (b)	4.5	5.3	17.9	16.3	62.5	72.2
January	4.8	6.1	18.6	17.1	61.2	71.1
February	4.5	7.0	19.7	17.2	58.5	69.8
March	3.9	6.5	19.4	17.3	57.1	66.6
April	4.1	5.6	18.9	17.1	57.8	68.9
May.. ..	4.2	5.7	19.5	16.1	58.7	67.5
June.. ..	4.0	5.2	19.4	15.1	59.5	66.7
1961-62—						
July	4.5	6.1	21.4	12.9	60.8	65.2
August	3.9	5.5	22.7	12.5	59.3	64.7
September	4.2	5.9	25.0	12.4	57.9	64.4
October	4.0	5.8	25.9	12.2	57.1	64.5
November	4.0	5.7	26.5	12.3	55.8	64.9
December (b)	4.3	6.0	26.7	12.2	54.4	65.6
January	4.4	7.4	29.3	12.2	52.6	66.0
February	3.7	7.3	30.6	12.3	51.2	65.5
March	3.6	6.8	30.6	12.4	51.3	65.4

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

Period.			Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.
			Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.			
				Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.							
Average of Figures—	Weekly											
1954-55		254.3	68.3	1,220.0	1,542.6	82.0	69.5	171.7	..	306.3	938.1	
1955-56		257.1	68.6	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	..	272.8	984.1	
1956-57		281.4	79.5	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	..	289.4	946.8	
1957-58		318.6	102.0	1,238.1	1,658.7	74.4	48.7	237.2	..	328.3	963.3	
1958-59		345.1	115.8	1,207.0	1,667.9	73.2	43.3	264.6	..	259.9	1,015.3	
1959-60		354.1	132.8	1,293.5	1,780.4	72.4	28.3	314.0	30.7	280.8	1,040.6	
1960-61		421.2	123.4	1,264.9	1,809.5	75.1	23.1	247.2	30.6	294.4	1,144.5	
1959-60—												
February		369.0	112.2	1,360.8	1,842.0	69.7	39.2	355.8	32.8	300.2	1,019.5	
March		370.7	116.4	1,373.0	1,860.1	68.5	39.9	356.2	31.4	308.6	1,023.9	
April		375.6	112.5	1,348.4	1,836.5	68.0	18.8	321.6	25.8	312.0	1,062.7	
May		374.0	115.8	1,313.9	1,803.7	70.5	13.3	282.0	28.3	309.7	1,090.4	
June		372.7	122.3	1,310.6	1,805.6	74.2	14.2	258.8	27.2	304.2	1,105.5	
1960-61—												
July		373.6	131.7	1,278.2	1,783.5	72.6	13.9	251.1	23.8	303.4	1,150.4	
August		377.5	134.3	1,268.4	1,780.2	73.7	14.6	247.9	26.0	300.0	1,156.4	
September		379.0	125.3	1,270.1	1,774.4	68.8	10.3	244.8	24.9	298.6	1,169.0	
October		376.9	128.6	1,292.8	1,798.3	75.6	13.0	241.8	21.9	297.3	1,184.8	
November		381.5	123.8	1,304.4	1,809.7	73.1	15.6	237.3	22.1	300.5	1,183.5	
December(e)		399.9	113.3	1,292.5	1,805.7	81.1	14.0	235.6	27.1	282.6	1,175.4	
January		413.1	119.5	1,277.8	1,810.4	86.3	23.1	235.6	32.1	296.5	1,153.8	
February		441.6	124.2	1,278.0	1,843.8	81.0	25.2	244.0	35.0	303.1	1,125.7	
March		461.7	121.4	1,271.2	1,854.3	71.7	47.6	247.7	44.3	307.5	1,108.0	
April		471.8	113.0	1,258.7	1,843.5	74.1	28.0	254.3	40.3	301.2	1,113.7	
May		480.3	119.0	1,207.1	1,806.4	75.0	25.8	258.9	33.8	277.0	1,108.1	
June		488.8	122.4	1,188.8	1,800.0	72.2	20.1	263.8	34.4	260.3	1,119.0	
1961-62—												
July		504.2	128.8	1,153.4	1,786.4	80.2	26.9	283.2	32.0	219.4	1,134.8	
August		521.1	125.3	1,149.2	1,795.6	70.5	27.5	317.6	34.7	213.5	1,114.9	
September		533.6	123.1	1,156.4	1,813.1	75.9	29.2	352.0	33.2	214.0	1,103.9	
October		545.0	124.1	1,182.3	1,851.4	73.7	32.8	374.2	35.7	215.9	1,112.4	
November		554.4	114.9	1,207.6	1,876.9	75.0	31.1	391.4	33.5	220.2	1,105.9	
December(e)		556.6	111.9	1,242.3	1,910.8	82.3	30.2	398.3	33.8	223.3	1,098.9	
January		558.6	115.9	1,275.8	1,950.3	88.6	56.2	430.3	35.6	227.6	1,082.3	
February		574.4	118.3	1,287.9	1,980.6	77.5	67.8	464.6	34.9	231.5	1,070.8	
March		584.2	115.5	1,290.4	1,990.1	75.9	61.5	474.5	34.7	235.4	1,079.1	

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953 and Banking Act 1959. Includes Commonwealth Trading Bank, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol . . , see page 1.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS: DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—									
1954-55	187.5	176.2	53.9	36.3	26.2	10.7	0.5	0.8	492.1
1955-56	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	0.6	1.0	522.0
1956-57	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	0.6	1.2	563.3
1957-58	230.4	207.1	65.6	44.3	30.2	12.9	0.7	1.5	592.7
1958-59	248.9	224.7	70.3	46.2	30.7	13.8	0.8	2.0	637.4
1959-60	296.3	264.6	79.1	53.4	34.9	15.5	0.9	2.7	747.4
1960-61	322.5	282.9	81.9	58.0	37.8	16.3	1.0	3.4	803.8
1959-60—									
February	294.1	260.8	75.9	54.6	36.2	14.5	0.8	2.4	739.3
March	319.4	273.1	79.7	55.3	36.9	15.8	0.9	2.7	783.8
April	302.3	266.2	78.4	54.9	32.5	16.2	0.9	2.9	754.3
May	328.0	291.7	81.9	58.7	36.8	17.2	1.0	4.5	819.8
June	331.2	292.5	83.6	57.3	35.7	17.3	1.0	2.8	821.4
1960-61—									
July	342.5	286.0	89.8	58.8	36.0	17.3	1.1	3.5	835.0
August	313.7	297.4	82.1	55.5	37.5	15.1	1.0	3.2	805.5
September	328.9	271.4	85.4	55.6	36.2	15.5	1.1	3.4	797.5
October	333.6	293.9	87.2	59.5	36.7	16.5	1.1	3.1	831.6
November	344.9	291.9	87.3	62.5	39.5	15.8	1.1	3.0	846.0
December	344.4	308.3	82.6	58.3	40.0	18.5	1.1	3.3	856.5
January	290.2	259.0	78.4	54.0	42.8	15.1	1.0	2.3	742.8
February	306.4	272.0	76.6	58.9	36.4	14.8	0.9	2.8	768.8
March	317.2	282.4	76.8	59.8	38.7	16.7	0.9	3.3	795.8
April	301.7	263.7	76.5	57.8	36.5	15.9	0.9	4.1	757.1
May	326.6	289.5	80.9	57.5	38.5	17.4	1.0	3.8	815.2
June	316.2	272.3	79.5	57.3	34.6	16.1	1.1	4.6	781.7
1961-62—									
July	322.2	297.7	85.4	55.6	37.6	16.5	1.1	4.0	820.1
August	282.8	270.1	74.1	49.7	35.0	14.0	1.1	2.9	729.7
September	313.4	284.0	83.0	52.4	37.4	14.5	1.1	3.2	789.0
October	338.7	292.4	84.5	57.3	39.3	16.2	1.1	3.7	833.2
November	331.6	287.9	81.3	56.3	39.0	14.8	1.1	3.6	815.6
December	339.8	326.9	84.7	64.1	44.2	16.9	1.1	3.8	881.5
January	296.9	261.2	75.6	53.1	42.9	13.5	1.0	4.0	748.2
February	337.7	309.9	82.9	62.1	43.4	15.2	1.1	3.7	856.0
March	331.9	291.9	81.7	62.1	43.5	17.6	1.0	4.6	834.3

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953 and Banking Act 1959. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank (prior to 14th January, 1960 the Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of the Commonwealth Bank).

SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES.

(£ million.)

At end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
June 1958	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	1,296.8
„ 1959	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	1,391.3
„ 1960	541.6	499.6	182.6	166.0	78.6	46.4	2.5	5.4	1,522.7
„ 1961	569.2	517.5	187.1	166.8	80.7	47.4	2.7	6.1	1,577.5
1960-61—									
February	563.2	512.2	185.0	164.1	79.9	47.8	2.6	6.0	1,560.8
March	560.7	508.6	183.8	163.2	79.4	47.3	2.6	5.9	1,551.5
April ..	560.5	507.6	183.1	162.7	79.4	47.3	2.6	6.1	1,549.3
May ..	560.0	508.5	182.8	161.7	79.2	47.0	2.6	6.0	1,547.8
June ..	569.2	517.5	187.1	166.8	80.7	47.4	2.7	6.1	1,577.5
1961-62—									
July ..	574.7	523.6	190.1	167.7	81.7	47.7	2.8	6.3	1,594.6
August	579.8	528.4	192.1	168.0	83.3	48.3	2.9	6.5	1,609.3
Sept. ..	583.9	534.4	194.7	169.2	84.7	48.8	2.9	6.5	1,625.1
October	587.7	537.1	196.6	170.1	85.3	48.9	3.0	6.6	1,635.3
Nov. ..	591.1	540.3	197.4	170.5	85.7	49.0	3.0	6.7	1,643.7
Dec. ..	594.3	544.0	197.6	170.5	85.5	49.1	3.0	6.6	1,650.6
January	595.5	546.1	196.3	171.7	86.1	49.3	2.9	6.8	1,654.7
February	599.3	549.6	196.7	173.0	86.7	49.8	2.9	6.9	1,664.9
March	600.8	551.8	196.9	173.7	86.9	50.1	2.9	7.0	1,670.1

(a) Interest added 1959-60, £40.2 m; 1960-61, £44.7 m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

SAVINGS BANKS: SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£ million.)

At end of—	Coin, Bullion and Australian Notes.	Deposits with Reserve Bank.	Deposits with Trading Banks.	Australian Public Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	
				Commonwealth and States (including Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities).	Local and Semi-Governmental Authorities.		Housing.	Other.
June 1958	2.8	104.6	54.6	719.4	224.5	..	228.1	
„ 1959	3.3	122.0	53.7	740.1	248.9	..	261.0	
„ 1960	2.9	133.3	54.9	793.8	285.3	1.7	277.3	23.5
„ 1961	4.3	135.7	47.4	789.3	312.2	7.6	312.1	26.7
1960-61—								
February	4.5	132.5	44.6	813.4	307.2	6.8	299.6	25.6
March ..	4.0	128.9	43.8	813.0	309.0	5.2	302.0	26.1
April ..	4.1	129.1	43.0	812.3	309.5	5.9	303.5	25.8
May ..	4.3	127.6	44.0	803.6	310.5	6.3	305.9	26.1
June ..	4.3	135.7	47.4	789.3	312.2	7.6	312.1	26.7
1961-62—								
July ..	4.6	136.1	53.8	788.6	313.3	10.9	314.2	26.6
August ..	3.9	139.8	53.2	793.1	317.2	14.6	317.1	26.9
Sept. ..	4.2	146.0	55.2	798.2	321.1	13.8	320.0	27.2
October ..	4.7	148.4	51.7	806.2	324.2	19.3	321.8	27.4
Nov. ..	3.8	144.4	51.4	814.6	327.6	21.1	324.3	27.5
Dec. ..	5.4	145.2	57.0	814.4	331.0	16.8	328.8	27.6
January ..	4.8	147.1	56.0	820.6	333.3	13.5	328.7	28.3
February	4.5	148.7	57.8	825.1	336.9	14.3	330.9	28.4
March ..	4.5	156.5	53.2	826.7	340.8	13.8	333.4	28.4

(a) Includes Assets in Papua, New Guinea and Norfolk Island.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, etc., Paid (d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department		Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.					
		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—									
1937	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.
1954-55.. ..	23,505	24,365	18,415	2,734	5,175	1,218	1,983	738	4,319
1955-56.. ..	24,796	27,893	17,551	2,721	5,785	1,228	2,263	793	4,744
1956-57.. ..	24,328	32,683	17,526	2,761	6,454	1,248	2,470	841	4,992
1957-58.. ..	24,967	37,582	17,414	2,819	7,289	1,273	2,797	912	4,948
1958-59.. ..	26,312	43,430	16,001	2,683	8,006	1,268	3,062	864	6,103
1959-60.. ..	33,584	57,603	15,806	2,798	8,891	1,286	3,417	936	6,224
1960-61.. ..	35,317	67,104	15,146	3,623	9,676	1,295	4,331	1,116	7,058
Monthly Total—									
1959-60—									
December (f) ..	36,552	105,451	14,046	2,772	9,678	1,626	3,719	694	7,554
January	21,320	30,404	3,395	570	7,097	536	2,534	608	3,860
February	29,950	44,688	17,941	3,104	7,641	1,274	3,027	897	5,019
March	38,414	54,314	17,803	3,113	9,384	1,427	3,950	961	6,603
April	31,002	49,651	13,838	2,544	8,401	1,204	3,045	987	5,796
May	40,657	63,454	17,733	3,280	10,057	1,321	3,585	1,120	6,671
June	40,755	66,766	17,826	3,332	12,551	1,393	3,854	1,055	7,762
1960-61—									
July	42,891	71,024	14,516	2,854	10,115	1,221	3,829	1,098	7,291
August	43,944	66,209	22,325	5,014	9,880	1,432	4,097	1,193	7,658
September (f) ..	50,689	93,627	18,429	4,153	9,484	1,315	3,953	1,151	9,205
October	33,644	59,393	16,659	4,091	8,510	1,353	5,221	1,136	7,662
November	36,373	62,135	15,334	4,208	9,036	1,485	4,645	1,219	8,320
December (f) ..	37,447	137,976	11,809	3,509	9,996	1,601	4,575	926	8,496
January	20,555	35,641	4,963	954	7,930	685	3,224	777	5,608
February	25,929	42,560	14,426	3,149	8,442	1,161	3,590	1,109	6,395
March	31,413	58,944	16,357	4,071	10,036	1,345	4,623	1,322	7,251
April	29,368	48,674	12,708	3,057	9,337	1,238	4,155	969	5,205
May	35,108	60,355	17,523	4,089	10,900	1,400	4,564	1,228	6,398
June	36,451	68,712	16,698	4,324	12,448	1,307	5,499	1,263	5,595
1961-62—									
July	34,892	65,522	18,503	4,405	11,030	1,344	5,298	1,371	6,996
August	35,431	68,445	18,561	4,298	10,311	1,496	4,717	1,455	5,153
September (f) ..	43,061	91,008	15,925	4,411	13,367	1,414	4,964	1,273	5,997
October	31,716	62,174	14,392	3,614	10,015	1,323	4,018	1,309	4,741
November	33,499	64,310	14,775	3,979	10,041	1,476	3,950	1,254	4,388
December (f) ..	34,978	132,305	11,286	3,841	12,087	1,773	4,752	947	4,925
January	22,067	42,890	5,214	1,082	9,741	550	3,660	776	3,162

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums. (f) Sums assured are affected by adjustments to existing business brought to account in these months.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

INTERNATIONAL RESERVES, EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES, SECURITY YIELDS, PRIVATE FIRST MORTGAGES.

Period.	Inter- national Reserves. (a)	Exchange Rates.(b)			Gold Prices.(b)		Commonwealth Govern- ment Securities taxed at Current Common- wealth Rates.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales. (Revised Series). (f)
		Australia on London.(c)	London on New York. (c)	Australia on New York. (d)	Australia.	London.	Theoretical 2 years.(e)	Theoretical 15 years.(e)	
	£m.	£A. per £100Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent. (g)
1936-37	92.9	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(h) 3.57	(i) 3.94	(j) 5.3
1937-38	85.2	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(h) 3.30	(i) 3.71	(j) 5.3
1938-39	60.7	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(h) 3.67	(i) 3.84	(k) 5.4
1954-55	428.3	125.25	2.797	2.226	15.625	12.536	3.49	4.50	(k) 5.2
1955-56	355.0	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57	566.5	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.8
1957-58	525.4	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.491	4.38	4.99	7.3
1958-59	516.4	125.25	2.809	2.235	15.625	12.496	4.16	4.94	7.4
1959-60	512.0	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.511	4.01	4.91	8.3
1960-61	550.8	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.589	5.06	5.21	8.7
1959-60—									(l)
February	541.1	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.625	12.518	4.02	4.92	8.3
March	547.2	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.506	4.14	4.94	8.4
April	540.5	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.497	4.14	4.93	8.6
May	543.8	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.508	4.17	4.94	8.5
June	512.0	125.25	2.805	2.234	15.625	12.520	4.20	4.95	8.6
1960-61—									
July	482.6	125.25	2.808	2.235	15.625	12.500	4.33	4.97	8.7
August	441.9	125.25	2.810	2.237	15.625	12.502	4.33	4.96	8.9
September ..	424.0	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.523	4.30	4.97	8.8
October	413.3	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.728	4.31	4.97	8.9
November ..	398.0	125.25	2.814	2.240	15.625	12.729	5.28	5.22	8.9
December ..	376.3	125.25	2.808	2.234	15.625	12.657	5.63	5.38	8.9
January	374.5	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.673	5.50	5.34	8.8
February ..	373.6	125.25	2.800	2.229	15.625	12.559	5.49	5.38	8.6
March	388.1	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.539	5.46	5.35	8.5
April	416.5	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.536	5.46	5.36	8.5
May	531.1	125.25	2.794	2.224	15.625	12.548	5.43	5.36	8.6
June	550.8	125.25	2.790	2.220	15.625	12.568	5.23	5.36	8.6
1961-62—									
July	574.6	125.25	2.787	2.218	15.625	12.598	4.93	5.34	8.7
August	571.1	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.546	4.60	5.35	8.7
September ..	573.4	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.515	4.59	5.33	8.7
October	578.0	125.25	2.815	2.241	15.625	12.501	4.46	5.13	8.7
November ..	587.0	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.625	12.500	4.38	4.99	8.8
December ..	601.7	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.508	4.36	4.98	8.8
January	596.1	125.25	2.811	2.237	15.625	12.510	4.35	4.94	8.9
February ..	607.7	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.625	12.480	4.39	4.94	8.8
March	537.6	125.25	2.815	2.241	15.625	12.463	4.39	4.95	8.8

(a) Source: Reserve Bank. Net Gold and Foreign Exchange Holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). See page 22, Reserve Bank of Australia Statistical Bulletin, Financial Supplement, September, 1960, for a description of this series. Annual and December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month. (b) Average of daily quotations. (c) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (d) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (e) Source: Reserve Bank. Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday of month. (f) Commencing August, 1961 issue, revised 1956-57 and onwards, includes all mortgages for corporations (other than banks and building societies) and individuals, except completely abnormal amounts of £1 m. in months in which large mortgages are few in number. Certain other refinements previously incorporated in the series have now been excluded in order to indicate current trends more accurately. Figures prior to 1956-57 have not been adjusted, but the variation between the adjusted and unadjusted series in these earlier years is negligible. (g) Weighted average twelve months. (h) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (i) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (j) Urban securities only. (k) Rural and urban securities. (l) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

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INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—						Common- wealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). (b)	Common- wealth Loans (Long Term).
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).				
	3 months.	6 months.	12months.	24months.	Common- wealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.			
1946—20th November	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.125
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.125
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.125
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.750
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.750
25th November	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.500
1955—1st January ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1956—15th March ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1st April ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e)6.00	(e)6.00	2.75	1.00	4.500
10th May ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e)6.00	(e)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
4th December	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e)6.00	(e)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
1958—1st November	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e)6.00	(e)6.00	3.00	1.00	5.000
1960—17th November	4.00		4.50	(f)	(g)7.00	(g)7.00	3.00	1.00	5.000
1961—1st January ..	4.00		4.50	(f)	(g)7.00	(g)7.00	3.25	1.00	5.000
22nd February	4.00		4.50	(f)	(g)7.00	(g)7.00	3.25	1.00	5.375
1st July ..	4.00		4.25	(f)	(g)7.00	(g)7.00	3.50	1.00	5.375
1962—7th February	4.00		4.25	(f)	(g)7.00	(g)7.00	3.50	1.00	5.000

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Seasonal Securities which were first issued in November, 1959, now carry a discount rate of approximately 3.71 per cent. per annum. (c) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (d) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent. (f) Since 17th November 1960, banks have not accepted fixed deposits for periods longer than 12 months. (g) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 6 per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.	Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.
	Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.				Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.		
30th June—									
1937 ..	..	..	46,408	46,408	1960-61—				
1938 ..	..	..	46,598	46,598	31st Oct.	286,000	17,559	..	303,559
1939 ..	..	..	50,228	50,228	30th Nov.	293,000	31,103	..	324,103
1953 ..	225,000	..	..	225,000	31st Dec.	320,000	30,227	..	350,227
1954 ..	190,000	..	..	190,000	31st Jan.	332,000	35,167	..	367,167
1955 ..	160,000	..	..	160,000	28th Feb.	319,000	42,316	..	361,316
1956 ..	165,000	..	..	165,000	31st Mar.	282,000	47,513	..	329,513
1957 ..	150,000	..	..	150,000	30th Apr.	224,000	25,246	..	249,246
1958 ..	140,000	..	..	140,000	31st May	192,000	8,094	..	200,094
1959 ..	171,000	..	..	171,000	30th June	186,000	..	..	186,000
1960 ..	201,000	..	..	201,000					
1961 ..	186,000	..	..	186,000	1961-62—				
1959-60—					31st July	180,000	..	1,000	181,000
31st Mar.	255,000	43,595	2,000	300,595	31st Aug.	206,000	..	2,000	208,000
30th Apr.	195,000	25,446	1,000	221,446	30th Sept.	236,000	25,099	2,000	263,099
31st May	183,000	12,609	..	195,609	31st Oct.	268,000	40,227	2,000	310,227
1960-61—					30th Nov.	285,000	48,203	7,000	340,203
30th June	201,000	..	..	201,000	31st Dec.	303,000	49,350	11,000	363,350
31st July	195,000	..	..	195,000	31st Jan.	248,000	95,924	10,000	353,924
31st Aug.	222,000	..	..	222,000	28th Feb.	216,000	82,012	8,000	306,012
30th Sept.	254,000	..	..	254,000	31st Mar.	213,000	86,125	5,500	304,625

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.
For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.(b)
REVENUE.									
1938-39	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1955-56	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.1
1956-57	223.8	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	576.9	1,311.8	1,672.4
1957-58	231.5	142.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	605.2	1,323.8	1,690.7
1958-59	239.8	151.2	99.0	68.0	60.1	21.9	640.0	1,296.1	1,682.9
1959-60	262.5	168.3	103.1	76.1	64.4	24.3	698.7	1,438.3	1,857.3
1960-61	282.4	185.1	108.8	82.0	69.3	27.8	755.4	1,638.3	2,085.3
1961-62 (Estimate)	294.2	194.2	114.4	87.4	73.9	29.5	793.6	1,697.2	2,179.9
1959-60—									
July-January ..	136.8	78.2	55.5	40.0	33.5	11.7	355.7	616.1	836.2
July-February ..	156.4	89.6	62.1	45.9	38.4	13.3	405.7	743.8	994.8
July-March ..	178.2	101.4	70.4	51.6	43.6	15.8	461.0	875.9	1,162.8
1960-61—									
July-January ..	147.9	87.5	58.7	43.3	36.1	13.0	386.5	716.6	953.5
July-February ..	169.2	100.1	65.6	49.8	41.1	14.8	440.6	841.8	1,111.8
July-March ..	191.1	112.8	73.6	56.0	46.5	17.6	497.6	991.1	1,296.9
1961-62—									
July-January ..	153.1	91.4	60.4	47.1	43.4	14.4	409.8	713.1	961.8
July-February ..	174.9	104.3	68.3	54.3	49.5	16.3	467.6	860.5	1,144.0
July-March ..	197.9	116.9	76.6	60.9	55.7	19.2	527.2	1,020.1	1,340.5
EXPENDITURE.									
1938-39	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
1955-56	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.0
1956-57	223.7	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	583.9	1,311.8	1,679.4
1957-58	231.5	145.5	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	612.2	1,323.8	1,697.7
1958-59	239.7	153.8	100.2	69.1	61.8	22.7	647.3	1,296.1	1,690.3
1959-60	262.4	168.0	103.2	76.4	65.8	25.3	701.1	1,438.3	1,859.8
1960-61	282.7	184.9	109.4	80.8	70.5	28.0	756.3	1,638.3	2,086.3
1961-62 (Estimate)	296.0	194.2	115.0	87.4	75.1	29.9	797.6	1,697.2	2,183.9
1959-60—									
July-January ..	139.2	89.1	58.7	41.9	37.5	13.7	380.1	768.3	1,012.8
July-February ..	159.8	101.5	66.5	47.8	42.7	15.5	433.8	873.6	1,152.6
July-March ..	179.2	115.9	75.8	54.2	48.4	17.8	491.3	990.4	1,307.6
1960-61—									
July-January ..	150.1	97.1	62.4	43.0	41.1	14.7	408.4	820.3	1,079.2
July-February ..	173.2	111.0	70.5	49.7	46.3	17.0	467.7	928.0	1,225.0
July-March ..	193.7	126.0	79.5	56.4	52.3	19.4	527.3	1,054.5	1,390.1
1961-62—									
July-January ..	161.3	104.8	64.6	47.8	44.2	16.3	439.0	890.7	1,168.4
July-February ..	186.7	120.7	73.6	55.5	49.7	18.9	505.1	1,015.8	1,336.8
July-March ..	207.8	136.0	83.0	62.7	56.3	21.6	567.4	1,159.9	1,520.5

(a) Figures for N.S.W. represent combined transactions of Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways, Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board—included in annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.